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## Tareq Aziz tells UN

# Iraq insists on navigable Gulf

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 5. (Agencies): Iraq's foreign minister said his latest peace talks with Iran "went well" but insisted the Shatt Al Arab waterway and Gulf must be navigable if talks are to progress.



Tareq Aziz

Tareq Aziz told delegates to the 43rd General Assembly yesterday that Iran "accepted the Security Council's peace proposal" resolution only because of a crushing military defeat and in the context of a struggle for power inside Iran. "These conditions," he said, made Baghdad suspicious of Iran's motives and question whether it sincerely wanted a lasting peace treaty with Iraq, or simply accept Security Council Resolution 598 to win a ceasefire in the face of impending defeat.

"This suspicious position on the part of the Iranian delegation was followed by its insistence on provisions which impose a de facto arms embargo on Iraq at sea," said Aziz, referring to Iran's searches of neutral ships.

**Request**  
Aziz's speech was moved up at his request from its scheduled time on Friday to last evening so he could depart for Baghdad early. Aziz did not explain his early departure.

He met with Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar just before speaking to the General Assembly, and afterward told reporters: "We had a very constructive exchange of views about the course of the negotia-

tions, and he is going to see my Iranian counterpart. We hope that his excellency will decide about the date of the resumption of talks in Geneva very soon."

When asked whether Perez de Cuellar had introduced new proposals, Aziz answered: "We are discussing all possible ideas. You see, on how to make further progress, and the discussions went well with his excellency," the secretary-general.

**Shifted**  
On Saturday, Aziz met with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati for direct peace talks, but the session soon shifted to indirect talks, with the secretary-general and his special mediator, Swedish UN Ambassador Jan K. Eliasson.

On Friday and Monday, Aziz and Velayati met separately with the secretary-general, and their

sides met on Monday to discuss the issues dividing their countries.

From the statements made by both delegations during the weekend and from Aziz's speech yesterday, there was no indication of progress on the major issues.

Iraq insists the Shatt Al Arab waterway forming their southern border must be cleared of sunken ships and silt accumulated during the eight-year war.

"Shatt Al Arab is Iraq's only outlet to the high seas," said Aziz. He added that was one of the questions that must be addressed for "the peace to be durable, comprehensive and just."

But Aziz denied this was a precondition, calling such a description "a pure lie and deception." He said this demand was specified in letters to the Security Council throughout the proceedings that led up to the opening of the peace talks in Geneva on Aug. 25.

**Violation**  
Baghdad also says Iran's policy of searching neutral ships in the Gulf for war cargo bound for Iraq is a violation of the ceasefire, which calls for the cessation of all military actions on air, sea and land.

Iraq has insisted that it has the right as a nation at war to search ships for war material bound for its enemy, and says the peace talks should be limited to the issues in Resolution 598, with no extraneous concerns such as the

Shatt Al Arab. On Monday, Velayati blamed Iraq for trying to achieve "illegitimate political and military objectives" by raising such "preconditions."

Perez de Cuellar has reportedly suggested a compromise, under which discussion of the Shatt Al Arab would be postponed until later, and the two belligerents would proceed to discuss the exchange of prisoners of war and the withdrawal of armed forces to their border.

The peace talks ran from Aug. 25 to Sept. 13 in Geneva before shifting to New York over the weekend.

Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah discussed yesterday with Perez de Cuellar the state of the negotiations in the Iran-Iraq war.

Perez de Cuellar briefed Sheikh Sabah about Saturday's round of direct talks. The two officials also discussed the future prospects for such talks and what the secretary-general intends to do next.

US military sources yesterday urged both Iraq and Iran to help pinpoint the locations of remaining Gulf mine fields.

Meanwhile, the Dutch Defence Ministry said it planned to withdraw its naval minehunter from the Gulf in January because a ceasefire between Iran and Iraq had reduced the danger to shipping in the area.



Egyptian special forces display self-defence techniques at the military parade in Cairo. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Parade marks crossing of Suez

# Egypt shows off military might

CAIRO, Oct. 5. (Reuters): Egypt showed off its military might today in a parade marking a day of glory and sorrow.

The parade, celebrating the Egyptian Army's crossing of the Suez Canal in its 1973 war with Israel, was the first to mark successes in the fighting since President Anwar Sadat was killed by dissident troops as he took the salute on Oct. 6, 1981.

The government advanced the celebration by a day without explanation.

In the parade, veteran Soviet-made tanks rumbled past the podium for inspection by President Hosni Mubarak ahead of modern, mostly Western armour, artillery, missiles and air defence systems.

**Assault**  
Flanked by cabinet ministers and Army chiefs, Mubarak watched T-34 tanks, M-59 amphibious assault vehicles, armoured troop carriers and rocket launchers which took part in the 1973 drive into the Israeli-held Sinai.

In a televised speech, he said Egypt's troops who crossed the canal in 1973 "... achieved victory in one of the most outstanding and daring crossing operations in military history."

In previous years, Mubarak laid wreaths at the tombs of Sadat and Egypt's unknown soldier and made a televised speech

## Bid to reconvene Assembly blocked

# Court removes last obstacle to Pakistani polls

ISLAMABAD, Oct. 5. (AP): The Supreme Court of Pakistan today blocked a move to reconvene the National Assembly, dissolved last May by late President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, removing the last obstacle to planned democratic elections.

The unanimous ruling upheld a decision last week by a federal high court which found that Zia's heavy-handed move was unconstitutional. But it also found there were no grounds to put the old Muslim League government of Prime Minister Mohammed Khan Junejo back in power.

"We uphold the view expressed by the Lahore High Court that the grounds contained in the President's order... has no nexus with the pre-conditions prescribed by the constitution empowering him to dissolve the National Assembly at his discretion," the court said in a statement.

**Adherence**

It said that although its findings would imply the old government stands revived, "we are not unmindful of the fact that the whole nation is geared up for elections and we do not propose to do anything which makes confusion... which would be the result if the vital process of election is interrupted at this juncture."

Mohammed Khan Naqshbandi, a spokesman for the Muslim League, said Junejo and other party leaders would abide

by the decision and drop their demands to reinstate the old cabinet and reconvene the legislature.

"Our position has been vindicated that Zia's decision to dissolve the National Assembly was unconstitutional, illegal and uncalled for," he said.

It was the second time this week that Pakistan's highest court ruled against the late military strongman.

On Sunday, it ruled in favour of a petition by opposition leader Benazir Bhutto challenging Zia's July decree that national elections, scheduled for Nov. 16, be on a non-party basis.

The court said the constitution guaranteed that candidates could run on party tickets, rather than as individuals under Zia's plan.

Analysts say Benazir's grassroots Pakistan People's Party is expected to win at least a simple majority if elections are free and fair.

The justices' rulings of Sunday and today removed the last obstacles to the first democratic elections in Pakistan in 15 years.

The Federal Election Commission has announced that the vote for National Assembly is scheduled for Nov. 16 and for provincial assemblies three days later.

Of Pakistan's population of 107 million, the commission estimated about 46 million people are over age 21 and eligible to vote.

## Singh developed coronary problems in captivity

WIESBADEN, West Germany, Oct. 5. (Reuters): An Indian professor developed symptoms of coronary disease and lost up to 40 pounds (18 kg) in weight while being held for 20 months by Lebanese captors, US officials said today.

But Mithileswar Singh, a US resident freed in Beirut on Monday and flown to West Germany for treatment in a US military hospital, was not physically abused during his confinement, presiding doctor Colonel Robert Gilmore said.

"Overall, Mr Singh is in good spirits and, though very fatigued, has travelled well," Gilmore told a news conference at the US Air Force hospital in Wiesbaden.

Singh, 60, had lost "significant muscle mass," Gilmore said. But the kidnappers had allowed doctors to treat him twice a week for his high blood pressure and diabetes, keeping both ailments under control.

**Geared**

The professor's captors even provided food geared to Singh's vegetarian diet, he added.

Singh was kidnapped on January 24, 1987 along with three American colleagues — Alan Steen, 49, Robert Polhill, 53, and Jesse Turner, 40 — at Beirut University College by a group calling itself the Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine.

He arrived in West Germany early this morning aboard a US military transport plane from Damascus and was taken to the Wiesbaden hospital nearby.

He looked tired on his arrival in Wiesbaden and at one point stumbled and had to take the arm of a soldier.

But Gilmore said Singh had been gradually recovering his spirits. "He has been talking virtually non-stop since he arrived."

State Department officials who planned to begin debriefing Singh today told reporters there were no signs of further hostage releases in Lebanon soon.

"You want to be encouraged that more will be coming out soon, but we don't have any indication of that happening," one official said. "Our opinion is that the kidnappers are under the influence of Iran but not under

## Saudi Arabia wants normal ties with Iran

RIYADH, Oct. 5. (Reuters): Saudi Arabia, which last week headed off four pro-Iranian saboteurs, wants normal relations with Tehran. Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal was quoted today as saying:

"Saudi Arabia does not seek to entrench enmity to Iran but wants to maintain normal ties." The Prince told the Saudi Press Agency SPA in New York, where he is attending the United Nations General Assembly.

Saudi Arabia on Friday beheaded four nationals accused of sabotaging oil installations on behalf of Iran. Iran immediately denied the accusation.

The Prince said an improvement in ties was linked to a shift in Iran's dealings with its neighbours.

"The kingdom... has all the appreciation and love for the brotherly Muslim Iranian people," he told SPA.

## Riots in Algiers

TUNIS, Oct. 5. (Reuters): Riots broke out in Algiers today with demonstrators building barricades, setting fire to government cars and hijacking buses whose drivers ignored a call for a general strike, according to an eyewitness reached by telephone.

## DAY BY DAY

GCC ministers of industry will soon meet in Riyadh to discuss a number of issues. We would like to remind them that oil prices are dropping and we need to allow each other to carry out industrial investment in all GCC member states equally, and to provide the same facilities to all states and investors.

This move would attract GCC investors and discourage them from investing in industrial projects in other countries. The GCC states should provide Gulf investors with a greater number of facilities, particularly in the tourism industry, which is almost non-existent in the GCC member states.

Time is running out, and we are still discussing what is possible and what is not, as if ours are the only countries in the whole world which have any resources.

Zahed Matar

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Maximum temperature expected: Kuwait: 38°C (100°F)  
Ahmad: 37°C (99°F)  
Fahaka: 36°C (97°F)  
Maximum humidity recorded: Kuwait: 52 per cent  
Ahmad: 58 per cent  
Fahaka: 62 per cent  
Maximum humidity expected: Kuwait: 56 per cent  
Ahmad: 62 per cent  
Fahaka: 66 per cent

## Iraq is developing long-range missile

BAGHDAD, Oct. 5. (Reuters): Iraq is developing a cluster missile with a longer range than any other weapon of its type, a senior Iraqi military officer said today.

The officer, who declined to be identified, was speaking to reporters at an exhibition in Baghdad where missiles, artillery and drones are on display to demonstrate Iraq's military might and attract foreign buyers.

Iraq says all the weapons are of its own manufacture, including the 262-MM Ababil cluster missile used in the final stages of the eight-year war against Iran.

"Ababil is a surface-to-surface missile with a range of 50 km (35 miles) which explodes some 150 metres (500 feet) above the target and unleashes about 200 small bomblets," the officer said.

He said the missile was being refined to achieve a range of 100 km (70 miles) which he said would give it the longest reach of any such projectile.

He did not say where else in the world cluster missiles were in use, but the principle of a large projectile scattering smaller explosives has already been applied to bombs dropped from aircraft.

## Bahrain to accept treaties on N-arms

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 5. (Reuters): Bahrain announced today it had decided to become a party to treaties aimed at curbing the spread of nuclear weapons, the use of chemical warfare and the production of bacteriological weapons.

In an address to the General Assembly, Bahrain's Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa said disarmament and arms control occupied a prominent position on the list of the international community's concerns.

He continued: "I take pleasure in announcing from this podium, today, that the government of Bahrain has decided to accede to the treaty on the non-prolifera-

## Iranian leaders divided over reconstruction

NICOSIA, Oct. 5. (AP): Foreign leaders and industrialists have been packing Tehran in recent weeks chasing lucrative contracts to build factories, power stations and oil refineries in Iran's post-war reconstruction.

But Iranian leaders are divided over how much they should allow foreign companies, many of them based outside the 1979 Islamic revolution, back into the country to help with reconstruction.

Ayatollah Khomeini declared on Oct 3 that reconstruction will be carried out without "criminal Soviets and world-devouring America and their agents."

But other leaders, including the powerful Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, have given strong signals that foreign help, particularly technology, is needed to rebuild.

But a lieutenant-colonel at the exhibition repeated Iraqi assertions that the missile and its launcher were made in Iraq and he said the weapon was on display as proof.

He said the Hussein and the longer-range Al Abbas missile were accurate to within 200 metres.

## Don't hesitate to take bold step, uprising leaders tell PLO

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 5. (Reuters): Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip are urging the PLO not to hesitate in launching a bold political initiative to help their uprising against Israeli rule.

As PLO leaders meet in Tunis this week to set a time and place for their parliament-in-exile to debate proclaiming a state and forming a provisional government, the message from the occupied territories is clear: "We are telling them very clearly but privately, 'don't wait, don't delay until after the elections in Israel and the United States. The time for an initiative is now,' said a source close to the underground leadership of the uprising."

**Declare**

Several sources said similar messages had been sent to Tunis from 2,500 Palestinian political prisoners in Israel's Ketzioz desert prison camp and from clandestine leaders in the occupation zone.

They urged the PLO to declare an independent state and find a formula recognising Israel's existence that would enable the Palestinians to negotiate with the United States and Israel on a two-state partition of historic Palestine.

The prisoners' ideas were smuggled out on cigarette packets and scraps of paper by released detainees, the sources said.

Some PLO officials have said the Palestine National Council (PNC) will convene in Algiers on Oct. 14, but others said the movement's executive committee might delay the key session until after Israeli and American elections in early November.

Advocates of a delay say the PLO needs to know who will hold power in Washington and Israel before launching an initiative. They also say Western reaction to the proposed establishment of a Palestinian provisional government has been discouraging.

The PLO-backed unified national leadership of the uprising, which has steered the 10-month-old revolt, stopped the drafting of petitions to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat to prevent factional divisions, a source said.

**Formation**  
The PLO favours announcing an independent state while postponing the formation of a provisional government-in-exile, Palestinian leader Abu Iyad said in an interview published in Tunis today.

Abu Iyad, nom de guerre for Salah Khalaf, told the Tunisian weekly newspaper Al Batal: "We are not in a hurry on the government... the general trend now is to announce independence and delay the question of the government until later."

PNC speaker Abdul Hamid Al Sayeh said in Amman yesterday the PLO executive committee would meet in Tunis within two days to set a time and place for the PNC meeting.



## Four dead, hundreds hurt in Soviet train crash

MOSCOW, Oct. 5, (Reuters): The latest in a series of Soviet railway disasters has killed four people and left hundreds injured and homeless when a train loaded with explosives crashed into a station and blew up.

The huge blast yesterday at Sverdlovsk, a city just east of the Ural mountains, destroyed 20 buildings, ripped a crater in the ground 60 metres (yards) wide and sent clouds of choking black smoke across the city of 1.1 million, Soviet media said.

Human error was blamed for the accident, which brought the death toll in Soviet railway disasters to 123 since summer. Twenty-eight people died in a train wreck in August and 91 were killed in a June accident that also involved explosives.

In yesterday's accident, the walls of residential buildings collapsed and windows were shattered by the blast as terrified people ran into the streets, the government newspaper Izvestia said.

Moscow Radio quoted a resident as saying a school and factory caught fire.

"People rushed from their homes and did not recognise the streets: trees were down, electric poles were down, heaps of bricks blocked the road," Izvestia said.

Two hundred and seventy people were injured, with 87 of them in hospital, and 870 were left homeless when 12 residential buildings were destroyed, Soviet media said.

Izvestia said an error in the station switching yard caused the explosives train to crash into a coal train on another track.

The dispatcher said to have given the order to release the brakes on the explosives train was in hospital with injuries.

## Quayle, Bentsen prepare for television debate

OMAHA, Nebraska, Oct. 5, (Reuters): Republican vice-presidential candidate Dan Quayle was set today for a 90-minute television debate with his Democratic rival Lloyd Bentsen, hoping to silence doubts about his qualifications for the post.

As the two senators arrived in Omaha last night, fresh polls indicated that Quayle's ability to portray himself as a credible candidate could be a central election issue.

Bentsen, who shares a ticket with Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis, asked a partisan crowd of supporters who greeted him at an airport hangar: "Are you going to stand behind me as we open the Quayle season early?"

**Debate**  
Bentsen and Dukakis have seized every opportunity to ridicule Quayle's abilities since he was named as running-mate by Republican presidential candidate George Bush for the Nov. 8 election.

But their aides fear that expectations about Quayle's performance in the occasionally-televised debate are so low that he could appear to win it if he manages to avoid major slip-ups.

Quayle, an Indiana senator, told campaign workers in Washington before leaving for Omaha that the debate was "a great opportunity for me to be able to communicate directly with the American people."

However, a New York Times/CBS poll released yesterday indicated he was a liability for the Republicans. It gave the Republican ticket a two per cent lead with 48 per cent — a drop of eight points in about 10 days.

It also found Americans split evenly at 40 per cent on whether Quayle was qualified to serve as vice-president, while 71 per cent believed Bentsen would be competent at the job.

Quayle has been dogged by charges that he used family influence to join the home-based Indiana National Guard to avoid combat duty in the Vietnam war. He has also been embarrassed by his admittedly mediocre academic record.

### Spotlight

As the vice-presidential candidates prepared for the spotlight, Dukakis remained in Massachusetts while Bush was campaigning in the Southwest and planned to watch the debate in Fort Worth, Texas.

In California, Bush proposed yesterday a \$200 million programme to encourage teenagers to volunteer for community service and criticised "the liberals who can always outbid us."

Dukakis' office hit back by accusing the Reagan administration of slashing programmes aimed at the poor.

## Arafat in talks with Rajiv

NEW DELHI, Oct. 5, (UPI): Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat paid a surprise visit to New Delhi today for talks with Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on a range of issues, including the uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories.

A Foreign Ministry spokesman said Arafat arrived from Bangladesh about noon and was to depart for PLO headquarters in Tunis in the early evening. He stopped in the Bangladesh capital of Dhaka and New Delhi after a two-day visit to China.

Arafat held two hours of talks with Rajiv that included a "working lunch" and focused on a number of issues, particularly the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip, the spokesman said.

## 6-year-old boy drives car in a night-time rainstorm

TAPPAN, New York, Oct. 5, (AP): A 6-year-old boy drove his grandmother's car five miles (eight kilometres) through two states in a night-time rainstorm, making turns and keeping up with traffic on roads with speed limits up to 45 miles per hour (72 kilometres per hour).

"The kid was driving pretty doggone good," said Lawrence Forgas, a chiropractor who chased and caught up with the tiny driver after seeing him drive past his office window.

The boy, identified by police only as Jeffrey, was at his grandmother's house in Haworth, New Jersey, when she fell asleep on Sunday evening, police in Orangetown, New York, said.

The boy, whose parents are separated, took his grandmother's car keys and drove off in her 1987 Chrysler, heading for his father's house in Valley Cottage, New York, nine miles (almost 16 kilometres) away.

In Tappan, Forgas saw the car go past. He and a patient, Frank Thomas, gave chase in separate cars.

They overtook the boy nearby, where he had sideswiped a parked car and stopped. He was shaken but unhurt.

Police and the boy's father were called. Sgt. Richard Smith said the boy is too young to charge with a crime.

Jeffrey is not the first young driver to catch attention in New York's northern suburbs.

Last Dec. 4, 5-year-old Rocky Morabito of Port Chester, New York, took his mother's car keys, backed the car out of the driveway and drove two miles (3.2 kilometres) with his 2-year-old sister in the back seat before police caught up.

## Singh ...

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their control," he added.

In Beirut, security sources said today that the rise of relative moderates in Iran has opened a rift between Tehran and the once-fiercely pro-Iranian militants holding foreign hostages in Lebanon.

They said the kidnappers were increasingly dissatisfied with their few gains from holding foreigners for as long as four years when compared with big diplomatic rewards for Iran.

It remained to be seen whether the falling out would lead to freedom from the remaining 21 foreigners, including 17 Westerners, believed kidnapped in Lebanon, the sources said.

## Bahrain to accept treaties on N-arms

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It is also the true key to realising the aspirations and other national objectives in stability and development."

On the Gulf war, he said Iran's decision to accept a Security Council ceasefire resolution already accepted by Iraq and to begin talks in Geneva were important steps in the direction of peace.

"It is our hope that Iraq and Iran would be able to overcome their difficulties, prevail over the psychological effects of the war and re-establish normal relations between them within the framework of the principles of good neighbourliness, mutual respect and non-interference in the internal affairs of each other."

Noting the Iran-Iraq talks were now in a delicate phase, he called on all countries to help

overcome the difficulties and exert efforts to secure the success of the negotiations.

Mohammed called the Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories "an historic event replete with examples and lessons, and a genuine human expression of man's rejection of occupation and oppression."

The minister said: "The cause of the Palestinian people is gaining more support and solidarity day after day from the peace-loving peoples and countries of the world, thus increasing Israel's international isolation."

He said it was now incumbent on the United Nations, more than ever, to take steps to convene an international conference on peace in the Middle East, with the participation of the PLO on an equal footing with the other parties.

## Blasts rock British base in Cyprus

NICOSIA, Oct. 5, (Reuters): Two explosions rocked British married quarters on the outskirts of Limassol causing minor damage but no injuries, a British base spokesman said today.

Major Johnny Rogers said the explosions occurred at about midnight at a British military married quarters compound west of Limassol outside the main British base area of

Akrotiri-Episkopi. "It was thought that hand-held explosive devices were thrown over the perimeter fence at the Berengaria married quarters estate... they both exploded and minor damages were caused," Rogers said.

Rogers said Cypriot police and British military authorities were investigating.

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## Sudanese Parliament puts off plan to introduce Islamic laws

KHARTOUM, Oct 5, (UPI): The Sudanese Parliament postponed plans to introduce a new Islamic law code in the face of stiff opposition, the official SUNA news agency said today.

The agency said the bill was referred to a parliamentary committee "for further discussion" after seven hours of wrangling on the floor of the constituent assembly Tuesday.

The issue, the most charged in Sudanese politics, threatened to divide the nation with fundamentalist Muslims from the Arabic-speaking north pitted against the black, African, Christian and animist south and a powerful lobby of northern trade unionists backed by many groups of northern, Muslim liberals.

The assembly, in a face-saving move for the government, adopted instead a 7-point political

declaration that it intended at some point to introduce a new law code based on traditional Islamic values.

The shelved code specified such traditional Islamic punishments as stoning to death for married adultery and amputations for armed robbery.

If it had been passed, it would have been a major obstacle to a new Ugandan-brokered peace initiative aimed at ending the civil war between north and south.

### Meeting

Both Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi and John Garang, leader of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army in the south, have accepted a Ugandan proposal to meet at a date to be fixed in Kampala to try to find a peace formula to end five years of civil war.

Garang had made clear the

passing of a new "sharia" code would be a stumbling block to any talks and powerful trade unions in Sudan hinted they would mount a civil disobedience campaign against it.

The National Islamic Front (NIF), a fundamentalist group now acting as junior coalition partners of Sadiq's Umma Party made the new sharia bill a condition of joining the government.

But even NIF leader Hassan Al Turabi appeared to concede during the stormy and confused debate Tuesday that the bill was too controversial to be pushed through parliament and he spoke in favour of the compromise declaration.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Sadiq Al Mahdi and his arch foe guerrilla leader Colonel John Garang have agreed to meet in Kampala on Oct 25, a Khartoum newspaper said today.

## Jordan pays for W. Bank Islamic body

AMMAN, Oct 5, (Reuters): Jordan's Minister of Religious Affairs said today Amman would continue to spend nearly \$10 million a year on a foundation in charge of Islamic holy sites in Jerusalem and the Israeli-held West Bank.

Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Khayyat told Reuters Jordan was still committed to the Waqf religious foundation and its nearly 2,500 employees, despite King Hussein's July 31 decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank.

"Such a presence there is vital to preserve and save the Arab Islamic culture and heritage," he said.

The foundation provides funds for the upkeep of nearly 450 mosques and Islamic holy places in Jerusalem and the West Bank, and to Muslim clergymen, employees of Islamic courts and school teachers.

Jordan stopped paying salaries and subsidies to nearly 21,000 civil servants in the West Bank in August after it renounced claims to the territory.

But around 1,800 Waqf employees, 200 in the justice courts and some 420 school teachers were excluded to prevent Israel's Religious Affairs Ministry from interfering in Islamic religious sites and schools in Arab Jerusalem, the minister said.

Khayyat said these employees were receiving their monthly salaries in cheques.

## Roh to address UN General Assembly

SEOUL, Oct 5, (Reuters): South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo will address the United Nations General Assembly this month on Seoul's efforts to ease tension on the divided Korean peninsula, his spokesman said today.

It will be the first time a South Korean head of state has visited the world body.

Roh, who on Tuesday offered to go to Pyongyang for reunification talks with North Korean leader Kim Il-Sung, is due to leave Seoul for New York on Oct 17. He will deliver the speech the next day.

The two Koreas are not members of the United Nations but have permanent observer status. A so far unnamed North Korean official is also expected to address the General Assembly.

Roh, who was due to stay in the United States until Oct 21, was considering meeting President Reagan, the spokesman said.

## Indian plane explodes in air

NEW DELHI, Oct 5, (AP): An unidentified transport aircraft exploded in the air near Kanpur in the northern Uttar Pradesh state, killing all five people on board, Indian news agencies reported.

The Press Trust of India news agency said initial reports indicated five people were on board the plane, which was variously identified as an AN-32 transport plane and as an Air Force trainer plane.

Seoul newspapers have speculated about such a trip for several weeks, although some sources said Roh's advisers were concerned the journey would further annoy North Korean leader Kim.

### New formula

In a policy statement to parliament on Tuesday, Roh said he would soon propose a new Korean reunification formula incorporating several northern suggestions. He did not elaborate.

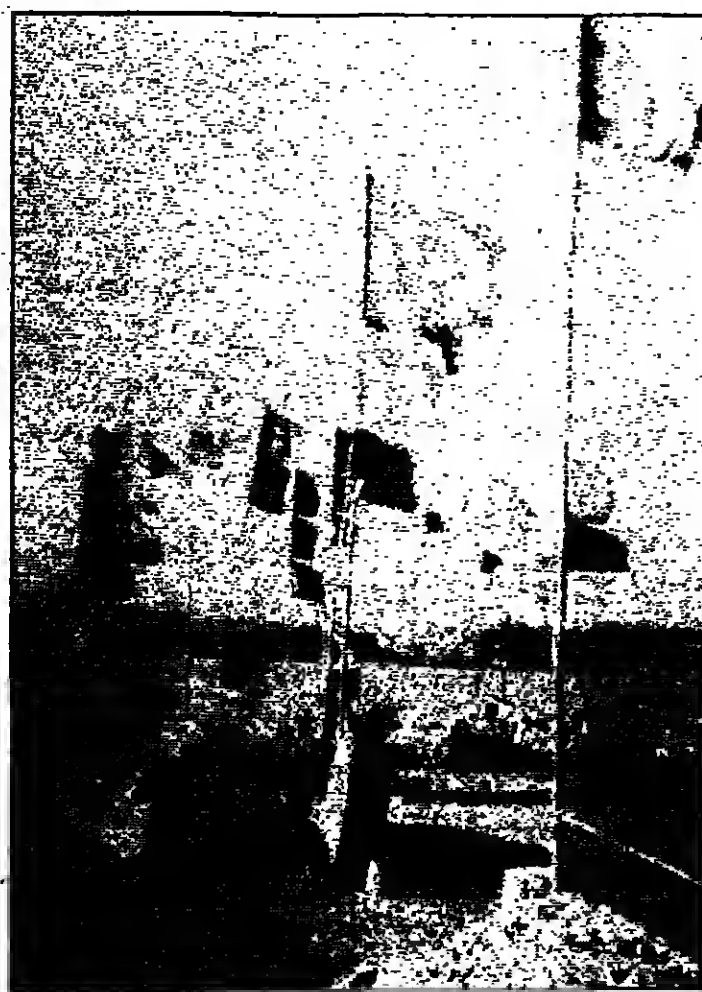
He said a South-North summit should discuss "all pending issues raised by both sides, including a joint declaration of non-aggression and the reunification of our homeland."

Leaders of the two Koreas have not met since the Korean peninsula was divided at the end of World War Two. The rival states fought a civil war from 1950 to 1953.

Air Force officials, when contacted in New Delhi, denied any of their aircraft was involved.

The United News of India news agency said the plane, piloted by Wing Commander M. K. Singh, was owned by the Air Force research centre. It crashed near Kanpur city, 400 kilometres southeast of New Delhi, en route from Agra to Bhubaneswar.

Aviation authorities have gone to the site to investigate cause of the accident, PTI said.



An Afghan guerrilla visits a graveyard where rebel fighters, killed in fighting for the Kabul government post at Baba Wali, are buried. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Siamese twins separated after 7 years

TOKYO, Oct 5, (AP): Two 7-year-old Siamese twins were in satisfactory condition today after their separation in a 14-hour operation a day earlier in Vietnam, a Japanese Red Cross official said.

A team of 72 doctors and nurses separated twins Viet and Duc in the operation at Tu Du hospital in Ho Chi Minh City, formerly Saigon. It was believed the first separation of Siamese twins who had been joined for more than seven years.

Yoshiaki Nemoto of the Japan Red Cross quoted Tadateru Kono, one of three Japanese observers in the operation, as saying the twins were "in satisfactory condition this morning."

The medical team "will keep a round-the-clock vigil on the two boys for four days" after surgery, Nemoto quoted Kono as saying. He also said the twins were in good health.

The Japanese Red Cross provided some medical equipment and medicine needed in the operation, Nemoto said.

### Outcome

Kyodo news service quoted a Vietnamese doctor as saying in Ho Chi Minh City that "it will take about a week to tell the outcome" of the operation.

Viet and Duc were joined at the pelvis and had a single pair of legs. With their two torsos, they shared a large bowel, anus, bladder, genitals, one pair of kidneys and a major artery, leaving doctors with the difficult ethical question of how to divide their shared parts and give both a chance of survival.

## Soviets sign fishing accord with China

MOSCOW, Oct 5, (UPI): The Soviet Union and China have signed a bilateral fishing agreement in the latest step toward improving relations, the Tass news agency said today.

Under the agreement, China and the Soviet Union will conduct joint studies, develop new fishing and processing equipment and exchange information in the area of artificial fish breeding, the news agency said.

The agreement provides for a possibility of mutual fishing by the sides off each other's coast and their interaction in building and repairing fishing vessels, Tass said.

Last week, China announced that Foreign Minister Qian Qichen would visit the Soviet Union before the end of the year, the highest level visit since relations soured over a political rift in the 1960s. Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will visit China afterward.

The meeting at the ministerial level could signal that China's leader Deng Xiaoping may be prepared to meet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Gorbachev has twice this year proposed a Chinese-Soviet summit meeting, the latest proposal made in a Siberian visit in September. "We are prepared for starting without delay preparations for a Soviet-Chinese summit meeting," he said in the city of Krasnoyarsk.

On Monday, Tass said in a political commentary, "now that the forthcoming exchange of visits by the two countries' foreign ministers has been announced, it seems possible that such preparations have been already started."

## 11 die in Afghan rebel attack

MOSCOW, Oct 5, (Agencies): Eleven people were killed and 26 wounded in a rocket attack by Muslim guerrillas on central Kabul today, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Some 23 rockets, fired from areas north-west of the capital, exploded in streets and squares as people were on their way to work during the morning rush hour, it said, quoting preliminary reports.

Kabul Radio reported on Monday that rebel rockets killed 14 people and wounded 30 in two Afghan towns on Sunday.

The towns hit were Kandahar in the south and Farah in the west.

### Complaints

Kabul Radio also reported 22 people were killed in two separate weekend rocket attacks on the eastern Afghan city of Jalalabad by rebels fighting the country's Soviet-backed government.

Meanwhile, the Communist Party newspaper Pravda reiterated Soviet complaints that Pakistan is to blame for violations of the UN accord providing for the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan. "All indications are that in

Islamabad, they have a very flawed idea of international law, state-to-state relations and treaty-based commitments," the newspaper said.

The Soviet Union said last week it had halted the withdrawal of its troops from Afghanistan, citing violations of the Geneva accord.

Pravda said the Afghan government has registered more than 1,500 violations of the accord with UN monitors.

Under the accord, signed April 14, the Soviet Union agreed to withdraw its 100,000 soldiers from Afghanistan in exchange for pledge of non-interference by Pakistan. Afghan rebels were not party to the agreement.

Half of the Soviet force in Afghanistan was withdrawn between May 15 and Aug 15 and the Soviet Union has until Feb 15, 1989, to complete the withdrawal.

But the Soviet Union charges Pakistan has not moved to shut down rebel camps on its territory and still serves as a conduit for US-supplied arms.

Soviet troops entered Afghanistan in December 1979, replaced one pro-Soviet government with another and remained to fight the anti-marxist insurgents.

## Human rights abuses continue in Asia: Amnesty

LONDON, Oct 5, (AP): Political killings, torture and detention without trial remained widespread in Asia as civil and ethnic conflicts wracked large parts of the continent, Amnesty International said.

In its annual global survey, the international human rights organisation cited 24 countries in Asia for alleged violations last year.

It said Soviet and Afghan troops, often in reprisal attacks, killed dozens of unarmed civilians in Afghanistan. Unlawful killings by government forces also were reported in the Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and India, it said.

In the Philippines, security forces, paramilitary units under their command or government-backed vigilante groups killed more than 100 left-wing political activists and members of left-wing labour unions and peasant organisations, the report said.

### India

In India, several thousand political detainees were held without charge or trial under anti-terrorist laws, and a government inquiry into the massacre of scores of unarmed Muslims produced no results.

In Sri Lanka, reports continued of arbitrary killings of Tamil civilians, often in reprisal for attacks by armed Tamil groups fighting for a separate state, Amnesty International said.

Between 1983 and 1987, more than 680 Tamils had disappeared, most of whom were feared shot or tortured to death by security forces, the group said.

The report said governments employed a variety of methods to deflect criticism.

Singapore and Malaysia imposed press laws allowing the government absolute discretion to restrict any publication deemed to have engaged in "domestic politics" or to have "alarmed public opinion," it said.

In South Korea, it is unlawful to give information to foreigners deemed to "insult or slander the state," it said.

A majority of countries carried out court-imposed executions, the report said.

## Politicians ignore Palestinian uprising

## Campaign heats up in Israel

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct 5, (Reuters): Israel's political parties have launched a month-long television election campaign, with the first appeals to voters largely ignoring a Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories.

The broadcasts on state-run Israel Television, which began last night, will play a central role in the run-up to elections on Nov 1. Under an Israeli law condemned by free speech advocates, television news may not cover the campaign.

In the opening campaign, Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's rightist Likud bloc and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres's Labour Party focussed on inflation and the withdrawal of the bulk of Israel's troops from Lebanon.

Only the extreme opposition parties on the right and left — the Tehiya Party and the Arab-backed communists — devoted their campaign broadcasts to the 10-month-old uprising, in which at least 288 Palestinians and six Israelis have died.

Labour and Likud are partners in a government coalition, formed after inconclusive elections in 1984. Public opinion polls have forecast another Labour-Likud tie.

### Interest

Some commentators have said they hope the television campaign will awaken interest in an election that many, expecting a re-run of 1984, dismiss as unnecessary.

In their broadcasts, both major parties claimed credit for

bringing annual inflation down from 500 to 16 per cent. Labour boasted that it single-handedly withdrew Israeli troops from Lebanon in 1985.

Uncommitted viewers greeted such messages with scepticism. Labour's broadcast asked: "Who took you out of the Lebanon quagmire?" One Israeli, watching television in a Tel Aviv department store, shouted to his friend: "Chaim, where was your last reserve duty?"

Chaim, having served in an Israeli-patrolled border security zone in Lebanon, shouted back the obvious answer.

Pollsters had predicted that voters would be influenced mainly by party policies on the uprising, both military and political.

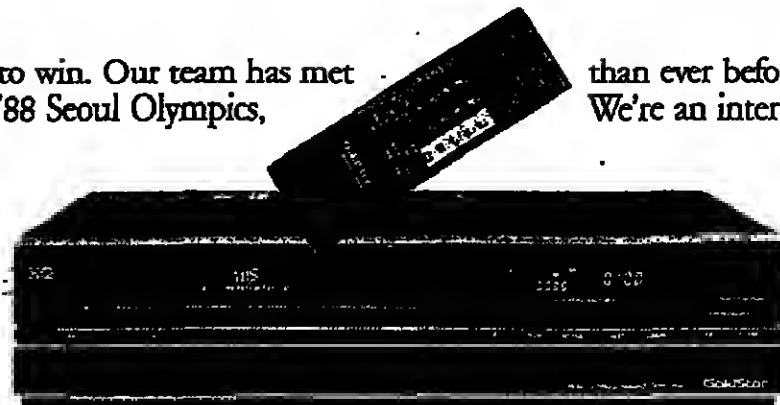


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## Arab children need our help, says doctor

By Lima Al Khalafawi

PRESENT development policies in the Arab world do not give adequate importance to child welfare, the consultant committee's member of the Kuwaiti Association for Arab Children's Advancement, Dr. Qassem Al Sarraf said.

He said efforts should be made to develop ways of bringing up Arab children with high standards.

### Mortality

This can only be achieved by teaching the mother how to develop her child's intellectual, moral and social concepts of life.

The association plays an important role in promoting the awareness of child problems and offers help to researchers to improve medical and social situations for Arab children.

Al Sarraf said Kuwait

celebrated Arab Child Day from Monday to Thursday.

He said that 3,500 children die every year because of disease and poor medical services. In remote areas, millions of children cannot go to school, he said, adding that many children in Lebanon are deprived of basic necessities and live under threat of war.

"The failure to solve children's problems in Arab countries is due to their economic conditions," he said.

### Dependence

Al Sarraf urged the Arab world to exert more efforts to provide proper care for children. Children in the Arab world also lack the cultural care, which is important to bring them up to the same level of children in developed countries, he added.

Al Sarraf criticised the growing dependence on baby-sitters and deterioration of a mother's direct role in taking care of their children.

He said that parents should make a determined effort to cultivate education and social awareness in their children.

## Permanent residence discussed

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah has asked the Higher Planning Council to study granting permanent residence to non-Kuwaitis.

The directive from Sheikh Saad came during his address in the opening session of the Council on Sept 21. Fair and clear criteria should be established for granting permanent residence to those who can benefit and serve Kuwait, Sheikh Saad said.

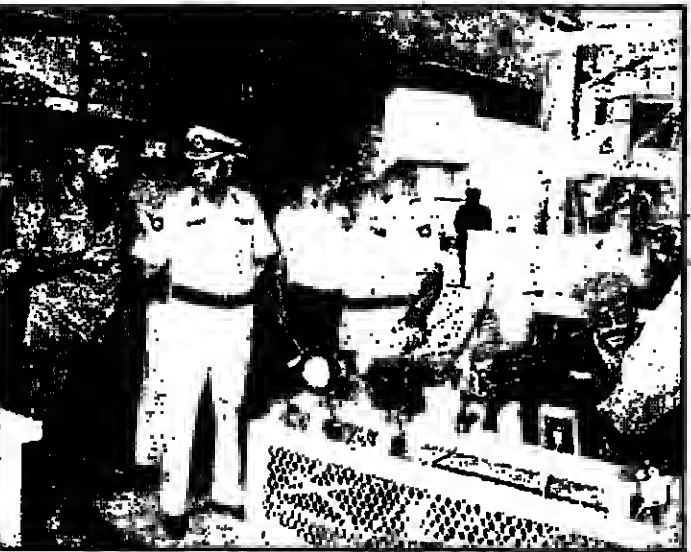
Meanwhile, the Ministry of Planning has forwarded to Council members the findings of a study on the issue of permanent residence. The next meeting of the Council is scheduled for Oct 19.

## Man killed by falling board

A 35-YEAR-OLD Indian national identified as Sayed Aref Hussein was killed when a heavy wooden board fell on his head.

The accident occurred when the board fell from the 15th floor of a building across from the Safat Post Office at Al Hilali Street as the victim was walking past.

According to eyewitnesses' reports in a local daily, the victim was lying on the street and bleeding for ten minutes before an ambulance arrived to take him to the nearest health centre, where he died.



Kuwait's Army Chief-of-Staff Major Gen. Mezyed Al Sanea is shown around during a visit yesterday to the 35th Armoured Brigade.



Kuwait's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimeh received at his office yesterday Australian Minister of Commerce Michael Duffy (centre) and his accompanying delegation.

## Mobile phone customers gripe about charges

THE Mobile Telephone Co. will lower its subscription fees from KD200 to KD150 per year as of January.

In addition to these fees, a subscriber will have to pay 50 fils per minute over and above the 150 minutes free time offered by the company.

The new decision has raised many questions among subscribers who considered the change unfair. Some said they expected better service after the mobile telephone service was privatised. The transfer of mobile telephone service to private ownership turned out to be a bad thing for customers, subscribers added.

A local daily asked subscribers about their opinions on new fees to be implemented at the beginning of the year.

Subscribers said they do not deny the heavy use of mobile phones. However, they should have the freedom to use the

phones as much as they like, they said.

All subscribers should not be penalised for the misuse of the facility by a few, they said.

They pointed out that many subscribers such as politicians, businessmen and those with social or economic positions use the service a lot. The decision by the company will involve substantial financial losses to this group of subscribers.

The subscribers also said they see no reason for the company to set particular times for phone calls. The company should provide better and more networks, they said.

Bader Al Saleh, a subscriber, said he prefers having more than one mobile telephone company in Kuwait. Such a step would create stronger competition, leading to better service and lower prices, Al Saleh said.

Hamid Abdul Ridha, an engineer at Kuwait Airways, said that the company's decision is unfair. He said it is unreasonable to give subscribers only five minutes to use the phone per day.

Subscribers should have been notified about the limits in service before they contracted for such service, he said. He also said the new decisions should be applicable only to new subscribers.

## Classes offered

THE director of the Social Service and Continuing Education Office Choom Al Attar told Al Rai Al Aam that social courses and programmes will begin next Saturday at the following venues:

College of Technological Studies; Communications and Aviation; Industrial Training Centre; Ibn Al Aas Secondary School in Sabahiya; College of Basic Education in Adaliya and Shamiya and the College of Commercial Studies for Boys and Girls in Hawalli.

Those who have not completed or failed to register should contact the Social Service and Continuing Education Office at Dasman Complex during official working hours, the official added.

Special courses in automobile mechanics are provided for prisoners, as well as carpentry and furniture.

For the year 1984-1985, 362 students participated. This year the number increased to 1,800, Al Attar said.

## Citizens, expats must apply for civil ID cards

ALL citizens and expatriates in Kuwait who have not applied for civil ID cards are urged to do so.

The deputy director general at the Public Authority for Civil Information, Musaed Al Mukhaier, said the authority offices in Hawalli and Farwaniya will receive applicants during working hours every day except Thursdays and Fridays.

Failure to obtain a civil ID card will be punishable by a fine up to KD100 as of January next year, the official said.

## Kuwaiti minister meets Australian trade official

KUWAIT, Oct 5, (KUNA): Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razak Al Khaled today received the Australian Trade Negotiations Minister Michael Duffy and his accompanying delegation.

An authoritative source at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry said that commercial and trade co-operation between the two countries was discussed. The Australian ambassador and the ministry's top officials attended the meeting.

Duffy, who arrived here earlier today on a two-day visit to Kuwait, also conferred with State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimeh along with senior ministry officials.

A Foreign Ministry source told KUNA that bilateral ties, the Iraq-Iran peace negotiations and the Palestinian uprising in the occupied Arab lands, were discussed.

## UAE and Brazil to sign agreement

ABU DHABI, Oct 5, (KUNA): The United Arab Emirates and Brazil will sign a co-operation agreement and form a joint committee during next week's visit to Brazil by UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah.

Brazilian ambassador in the UAE told reporters the visit which will start on Oct 11 will be a "landmark" in relations between the two countries.

He said the two countries will sign an agreement of cooperation and also discuss the opening of a UAE embassy in Brazil.

Relations between the UAE and Brazil have been progressing steadily, the envoy Helcio Tavares Pires said. However, he described Brazil's current export volume to the UAE as being "small."

He said the new agreement will enable Brazil to export to Abu Dhabi foodstuffs, industrial goods, heavy machinery, transport equipment and military hardware.

Cultural relations are also likely to be stepped up between the UAE and Brazil, which has a population of 10 million people of Arab origin, mainly Egyptians, Syrians and Palestinians.

## Overseas calling rates announced

By Fathima Ahmed

KUWAIT'S Communication Ministry has announced off-peak overseas phone charges, which will go into effect from Nov 1.

The announcement was made after Minister of Communications, Abdullah Abdul Mohsen Al Sharhan on Monday approved a decision to bring down charges during off-peak hours, from 7 pm to 7 am, and during holidays.

Contrary to earlier reports the rates have not been halved except for calls to the US. The charges for United States calls, which are KD 1.100 per minute have been halved to 550 fils during peak and 450 fils during off-peak hours.

For other countries the maximum decrease is 150 fils and the minimum, 50 fils on current rates, which will be applicable during peak hours. Reductions are between 8 per cent and 30 per cent.

Overseas calls to such sectors as UK, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Thailand, among others, will cost 50 fils less per minute during off-peak hours. The charges for Singapore, China, Sri Lanka, South Korea, among others, will be 100 fils lower per minute at night.

### GCC states

Telephone charges for GCC countries will fall by 90 fils per minute during off-peak hours; calls to such countries as Burma, Morocco and Zimbabwe, to name a few will be reduced by 150 fils per minute.

Officials had said earlier that overseas call charges would be reduced from Oct 1, but implementation was delayed due to further studies by the ministry.

Overseas call charges in Kuwait are said to be among the highest in the world.

Given below is the breakdown, countrywise, of overseas calls during the day (current rates to be applied) and off-peak charges (7 pm - 7 am and on holidays):

ARAB-GULF COUNTRY	Day Rate 7am - 7pm KD. fils	Night Rate 7pm - 7am KD. fils
Jordan	400	350
UAE	300	210
Bahrain	300	210
Tunis	550	450
Algiers	550	450
Djibouti	550	450
Saudi Arabia	300	210
Sudan	800	650
Syria	400	350
Somalia	800	650
Iraq	350	250
Oman	300	210
Qatar	300	210
Lebanon	600	550
Lithia	550	450
Egypt	700	650
Morocco	800	650
North Yemen	700	650
South Yemen	400	350
ASIA		
Afghanistan	950	800
Indonesia	1,000	900
Iran	400	350
Pakistan	600	550
Brunei	950	800
Bangladesh	600	550
Bhutan	600	550
Burma	1,000	850
Thailand	950	800
Taiwan	1,000	850
Delgo Garcia	1,000	850
Singapore	800	700
Sri Lanka	950	800
China	1,000	900
Vietnam	1,250	1,250
Philippines	1,000	850
Cambodia	1,250	1,150
North Korea	800	700
South Korea	1,100	1,000
Laos	1,100	1,000
Macao	800	700
Maldives	950	800
Nepal	950	800
India	600	550
Hong Kong	800	700
Australia	800	700
Papua New Guinea	800	700
Solomon Islands	800	700
Guam	1,300	1,200
Fiji Islands	1,100	1,000
New Zealand	800	950
Hawaii	450	550
Malaysia	800	700
EUROPE		
Soviet Union	1,100	1,000
Azores (Portugal)	1,100	1,000
Spain	800	700
Albania	800	700
East Germany	800	700
West Germany	800	700
Rep. of Ireland	1,300	1,200
Italy	800	700
Portugal	1,100	1,000
Belgium	800	700
Bulgaria	800	700
Czechoslovakia	800	700
Turkey	800	700
Gibraltar	1,100	1,000
Greenland	800	700
Romania	1,100	1,000
Sweden	800	700
Switzerland	800	700
France	1,100	1,000
Finland	800	700
Cyprus	800	700
Luxembourg	800	700
Leichtenstein	1,100	950
Malta	800	700
Monaco	800	700
Norway	1,100	1,000
Netherlands	950	800
Hungary	1,100	1,000
Yugoslavia	1,100	950
Greece	800	700
Austria	950	800
AFRICA		
Ethiopia	1,300	1,200
Central Africa	1,300	1,200
Angola	1,300	1,200
Uganda	1,100	1,000
Botswana	800	700
Burkina Faso	1,300	1,200
Burundi	1,100	950
Benin	600	550
Chad	300	200
Rwanda	950	800
Zaire	1,300	1,200
Zambia	1,000	900
Zimbabwe	1,000	900
Ivory Coast	1,300	1,200
Senegal	1,300	1,200
Swaziland	1,300	1,200
Sierra Leone	600	550
Seychelles	1,100	1,000
Gabon	1,300	1,200
Gambia	1,300	1,200
Ghana	1,300	1,200
Guinea	1,100	1,000
Equatorial Guinea	1,300	1,200
Guinea Bissau	800	700
Cameroon	1,300	1,200
Canary Islands	800	700
Congo	1,300	1,200
Cape Verde	1,300	1,200
Kenya	1,100	950
Lesotho	800	700
Malawi	950	800
Mauritius	1,300	1,200
Namibia	1,300	1,200
Niger	1,100	1,000
Nigeria	1,100	1,000
AMERICA		
Argentina	800	700
Ecuador	1,100	1,000
Alaska	1,000	850
Uruguay	1,300	1,200
Paraguay	1,300	1,200
Brazil	1,100	1,000
Panama	1,100	1,000
Puerto Rico	1,100	1,000
Bolivia	1,100	1,000
Peru	1,000	900
Jamaica	800	700
El Salvador	1,100	1,000
Surinam	1,200	1,100
Guyana	950	800
Venezuela	1,100	1,000
Canada	800	650
Cuba	1,100	1,000
Costa Rica	1,300	1,200
Columbia	1,300	1,200
Mexico	1,300	1,200
Nicaragua	1,000	850
Haiti	1,300	1,200
Honduras	1,250	1,150
United States of America	550	450



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## Medical conference to begin on Oct 12

AMMAN, Oct 4, (KUNA): The first Arab conference on kidney diseases and transplantation will begin on Oct 12 in Amman. Participants will discuss co-operation among Arab states in the field of kidney transplants.

## Irish mother to be charged in kidnapping

ABU DHABI, Oct 5, (AP): An Irish nurse will be charged with kidnapping her 5-year-old daughter from the girl's Arab father. The mother will join two Irishmen scheduled to go on trial this month on a similar charge, Prosecutor Mohammed Al Iraqi said today.

Iraqi, public prosecutor in the United Arab Emirates port of Khor Fakkan where the trial will take place, identified the mother as Ann McManus, 28, who works as a nurse in Dublin.

He said the charges will be filed through the Irish Embassy in Saudi Arabia because there is no Irish Embassy in the UAE capital of Abu Dhabi, 120 miles (192 kilometres) southwest of Khor Fakkan.

Iraqi alleged that McManus, who is divorced from Jordanian surgeon Samir Naseer, provided Dennis Denny, 28 and Gerald Flynn, 25, with information and assistance to kidnap her daughter, Nadine.

McManus had been awarded custody of the child by an Irish court after the divorce. But when the girl joined her father for a holiday, Naseer filed suit in Jordan and won custody.

The two Irishmen are scheduled to go on trial on Oct 31 in Khor Fakkan's criminal court.

Denny and Flynn, both from Dublin, were arrested by police in the Emirate of Sharjah on Sept 4, a half-hour after they allegedly kidnapped Nadine.

The two men and the girl were on their way to the airport in Sharjah, one of the seven emirates that make up the federation, to catch a plane for Amsterdam en route to Ireland, officials said.

Khor Fakkan police sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the kidnapping was planned two months before when the two men were given a detailed layout of Naseer's home by the girl's mother.



The Riffel and Jashanmal company held a reception at a local hotel on Tuesday to launch Fahrenheit, a new perfume by Christian Dior.



# Something fishy!

NOT to be outdone by the likes of Frank Sinatra and Gary Glitter, whose comebacks occasion reactions ranging from sheer delight to unmitigated horror, Dinah is back. Admittedly, I am not quite what I was (make of that what you will), but I can assure you that the Table Talk recipe remains unchanged. You will be presented with the same blend of mouthwatering descriptions and healthy criticism, seasoned with the occasional tart comment and garnished with a sprinkling of humour. So, I wish you 'bon appetit' and now let's get down to business.



**Table Talk**  
BY DINAH

Currently vying for popularity as a seafood restaurant, the recently reopened Le Versailles at the Meridien has got off to a reasonable start, though, in some areas, there is clearly room for improvement. The somewhat heavy, blue and white colour scheme may, at a pinch, be suggestive of ocean depths, but I felt that it was perhaps more in keeping with the style of place hinted at in the restaurant's name. It does rather seem that, in terms of decor, much has been included, or perhaps I should say added, by way of an afterthought: upon the sudden realisation of the need for 'something' to give the place a maritime feel, I am pretty sure, however, that many would join me in drawing the line at confronting diners with kitsch bowls of live goldfish on the tables — a mite disconcerting as you tuck in to big brother!

It would hardly be fair to comment at any great length on atmosphere, since we did arrive quite late on a Monday evening and thus had the place to ourselves for much of the time. Nevertheless, I do think we could have been spared the misery of piped John Denver, even if we were the only ones there. Despite being marooned with our fishy friends, we received polite, attentive service throughout the meal, though the waiter occasionally had difficulty navigating his way around our table, not helped by yards of wire flex trailing across the floor connecting our shell table-lamp to the electricity supply. The range of dishes on offer is quite comprehensive, being a reasonably well-balanced combination of fish and shellfish, with a few meat items.

I started with the *Array of Smoked Fish and Caviar*, which consisted of smoked salmon, mackerel, rollmop, eel and a mere smidgeon of caviar. The food was tasty and well-presented, but otherwise unremarkable.

The *Salmon Steak with Pink Pepper* which followed appeared more promising, but they had unfortunately been a bit overenthusiastic with the char-

coal grilling, with the result that there was a burnt tang which tended to spoil the subtle flavour of the salmon. I tried a little of the *Dutch Veal Pailard*, my guest's choice, and would suggest that this meat dish was altogether more successful, which is hardly good news for a seafood restaurant. I chose Oriental rice as an accompaniment to my main course, but failed to discover exactly what was 'Oriental' about it, except perhaps that it was of the basmati variety.

The dessert trolley was rather limited in the range of choices, but full marks go to the excellent *Mango Mousse*. Light, fluffy mousse with an exquisite mango topping on a moist sponge base was, for me, the highlight of the meal.

We rounded off the meal with some superb American coffee, although we could, of course, have taken Cappuccino, Turkish or espresso.

## Average

On the whole, the evening was pleasant but undeniably average. I tend to feel that, though obviously Le Versailles can provide one with a perfectly respectable meal, it has perhaps fallen a little short of its target and does not present any kind of serious opposition to established seafood places.

Talking of established places, one of course has to make more than a passing reference to Al Dana seafood restaurant. Widely acclaimed as the foremost of its kind in Kuwait, Al Dana certainly lives up to its reputation in most respects, though even here, there were disappointments.

The dining room was a warm and inviting feel to it with its subdued lighting, dark wood panelling and deep coral colour scheme. Even the bathroom, which is so often an eye-opener in restaurants, has not been neglected, and is spotlessly clean and even sports some rather lovely prints on its walls. However, once seated in the restaurant, you might feel a little irritated by either the intrusive whirring of the com-

puterised cash register at one end of the room or the bouncy, singalong music provided by the resident organist at the other.

It might have been something to do with chemistry, but our waiter seemed to take a certain dislike to us and gave a curt response to one of my enquiries as well as handling my guest's cutlery change in what seemed to us to be a deliberately heavy-handed manner. On the other hand, the maître d'hotel was almost too accommodating, which led us to think that the perhaps suspected that something 'fishy' was going on!

I suppose it was my fault for not being more adventurous in my choice of appetiser, but the *Shrimp Cocktail Amora* was, as ever, pretty uninspiring. I would have thought someone could have come up with a different way of presenting it by now, and I guess I was looking to a place like Al Dana to do just that.

## Fantasy

My choice of main meal was influenced by a desire to relieve the romance of a visit to Spain, but my fantasy was promptly shattered by the *Paela Española*. I did think the inclusion of meat was a bit odd, but I was prepared to give it a whirl. What we got (it is prepared for two), was a most disappointing concoction of stringy, grisly meat, dry mussels and prawns in stodgy rice. It may well have been based on a Spanish regional variation, but to my mind they overdid the tomato and there was not a speck of saffron to be seen. I do not know what they would have included if I had opted for a meatless version, but certainly the seafood was difficult to hook.

We finished up with *Strawberry Cream Cake*, which was perfectly executed in itself, but sat a little heavily on the palette.

All in all, it proved to be a very mixed experience, but not one that would deter me from going again. **RESTAURANT:** Le Versailles  
**TYPE:** Seafood restaurant at Meridien Hotel  
**MEAL:** Three course a la carte dinner  
**PRICE:** KD 25,700 (for two)  
**Star rating:** (out of five)  
**FOOD:** \*\*\*  
**SERVICE:** \*\*\*\*  
**ATMOSPHERE:** \*\*\*  
**VALUE FOR MONEY:** \*\*\*

**RESTAURANT:** Al Dana  
**TYPE:** Seafood restaurant at Meridien Hotel  
**MEAL:** Three course a la carte dinner  
**PRICE:** KD 17,300 (for two)  
**Star rating:** (out of five)  
**FOOD:** \*\*  
**SERVICE:** \*\*  
**ATMOSPHERE:** \*\*\*  
**VALUE FOR MONEY:** \*\*\*

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## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.20 Hikayat Al Alamiya: Stories from Around the World  
9.45 Al Jawhara: children's serial, featuring Ibrahim Sallal, Abdul Aziz Al Nimish, Jawhar Salem, Ali Arik.  
10.15 Tum Tek and Children  
10.30 Al Islam Wal Insan: religious programme  
12.00 Al Zankalooni: Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Rida, Athar Al Hakim, Laila Taber, Ahmad Abdul Waris.

1.00 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite  
1.30 Fawazir Munasabat: musical quiz show  
2.00 Sports in a Week: focus on world and regional sporting events.  
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: cartoon serial  
5.15 Liqa Al Khamis: weekly roundup of local events  
6.30 Min Fann Al Shaabi: From People's Art.  
7.00 News Summary  
7.30 Alwan: prepared and presented by Mohammad Saeed Faris.  
8.30 Ma'al Islam: With Islam, presented by Dr Hafez Al Madhkour.  
9.00 News in Arabic  
10.00 Al Amaliya 42: Arabic feature film, starring Mahmoud Yassin, Bost, Ahmad Abdul Aziz.

11.45 Thursday Night Variety Show  
12.15 We Present... a local show  
1.30 News Summary  
1.35 World News via Satellite/Holy Quran/Closedown

### FRIDAY

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Ifrah Ya Simsim: Arabic version of Sesame Street.  
9.30 Early Morning Music

9.45 Majallah Ifrah: Children's Magazine  
10.15 Faez Al Toosh: Arabic serial.  
11.00 Ibtihal Deeni: religious programme  
11.15 Friday Prayer telecast from Great Mosque  
12.30 Min Hayat Al Shaab: a programme on the way of life of people around the world.  
1.35 INTERVAL  
2.00 Summer 88  
2.15 Hadith Deeni: weekly religious talk by Sheikh Mohammad Mutawalli Sharawi  
3.00 Documentary  
4.00 With the Star of the Week: "Duraid Lahham".  
4.45 Ghawi Al Mashakil: Arabic serial, featuring Khalil Shawki, Sana Abdul Rahman, Fawaz Mahdi.  
5.45 Songs and Music  
6.00 Kuwait in a Week  
7.15 KTV Programmes' Preview

8.00 Family Show: presented by Fatima Rashid and Futooh Dalal.  
8.45 Hadith Al Ushook: weekly talk on Islam  
9.00 News in Arabic  
9.50 Wrestling  
10.50 Kaifa Wa Akhwat: talk show on recent Arabic films and plays; presented by Sharif Al Ilmi, Dawood Jalal, Amal Al Dabbas, Iman Kamel.  
11.50 News Summary, followed by Holy Quran and Closedown

### KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Mask: cartoon serial  
6.30 Sesame Street: educational show for young viewers.  
7.30 Mac and Mutley: a series about the adventures of two pets named Mac and Mutley.  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 The Highwayman: All roads lead to the highwayman when it

comes to saving the innocent from the clutches of the rich.  
9.30 The Bill Cosby Show: The Huxtables are back with more comedy. Tonight, Sandra and her husband come home from their honeymoon to plan their future business — a sports shop. Starring: Bill Cosby.  
10.00 Sports Bloopers: a 30-minute show about the mishaps and misadventures of sportsmen and sportswomen.  
10.30 Late Night Movie: "Price of Vengeance." Starring: Edmond Gones, Angela Arnolds. Routine drama about older brother discovering the truth about his brother who has turned into a Mafia boss.  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

### FRIDAY

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.10 Silver Hawk: "The Origin Story." Cartoon serial  
4.30 Italian Football  
5.30 Walt Disney Hour: "The Parent Trap." Walt Disney's family comedy-drama about look-alikes who meet at a summer's camp and after some detective work, they discover they are twins. Starring: Hayley Mills.  
7.00 Star Trek: "The New Generation."  
8.00 News in English  
8.40 Big League Soccer: highlights of English League football matches.  
9.30 Down Under  
10.30 Diamond  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



The Cosby Show, tonight at 9.30 pm on KTV 2.

## CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Ighual Wa Darasah (Arabic)  
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Hashim Salim, Jabir

Al Salimiya  
Secret Admirer  
Starring: C. Thomas Howell, Preston Kelly

Al Hamra  
Wild Geese II  
Starring: Scott Glenn, Robert Webber

Drive-In  
Al Shawish Hussein (Arabic)  
Starring: Yunus Shalabi, Dalal Abdul Aziz, Ahmad Badar, Wahid Saif.

Al Firdous  
Saamri 3-D (Hindi)  
Starring: Rajan Sippy, Arti Gupta

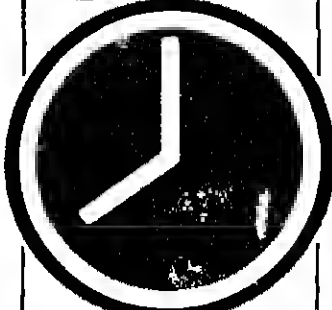
Fahadheel Open-Air  
Aatish (Hindi)  
Al Fahadheel Daagi (Bengali)  
Al Jahra  
Al Fatina Al Makalat (Arabic)

Granada  
Who's that Girl  
Sulaibikhat  
Sruthi (Malayalam)  
Al Jleeb  
Qurbani (Hindi)  
Starring: Zeenat Aman, Firoze Khan  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
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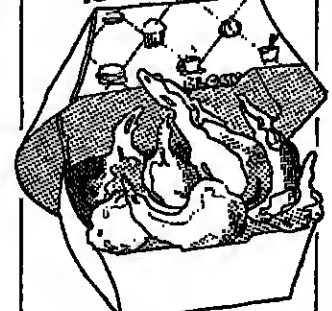
## FRIDAY

Al Jahra  
Steel Dawn  
Granada  
Jheel Ke Us Paar (Hindi)  
Sulaibikhat  
Vigilante  
Al Jleeb  
Aurat Ka Inteqam (Hindi)

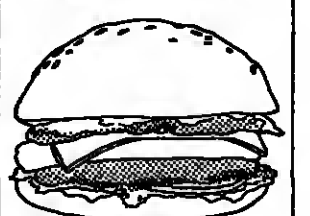
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### MUSIC

East meets West  
OCT 6: IAC 6.30 pm: "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams with Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by pass. Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

Beat Show  
OCT 14: IAC, Funatees. 3.30 pm: The Kuwait Goan Beat Show: four-hours of non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Mousetrap Theatre  
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. Tickets available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm, 4-6 pm. Tel: 5318060; 5318061.

Sounds Great  
OCT 19-22: Seats can now be reserved for the Sounds Great Pop-Rock Musical to be performed at the Salimiya Cinema from Oct 19-22. Reservations by ringing 5740256/7; 5756888/5758060, ext. 263 but tickets must be collected from Salimiya Cinema Box office by Friday, Oct 14. Tickets also available from the box office nightly from 5-9 pm from Oct 8.

### THEATRE

Konkani Drama  
OCT 7: IAC, Funatees, 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximitor," written and directed by Cajetan De Sanvor-

don, Marcus Vaz. Xavier Gomes, featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

"Ballav Purer Rupkatha, a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim—2627643; Dr Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

KLT  
OCT 6: Thursday, 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, at KLT, Ahmadi. Auditions for children to dance in the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

Kuwait Players  
Opening Ball  
OCT 13: Holiday Inn, Ballroom. Kuwait Players opening ball. Cocktails at 7.30 pm; dinner and entertainment by the K.P. Band. Dress: formal. Membership discount applies. For reservations contact the social secretary on Tel: 3941572.

Bengali Play  
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mou-chak Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents

### SPORTS

Daniella Tennis  
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Ahmadi Karting  
OCT 7: Ahmadi kart racing at the KOC track, Ahmadi. First race starts at 1.30 pm. Spectators and new members welcome. Tel: Simon Lloyd — 3980876.

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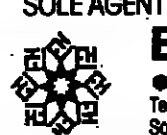
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## ARAB TIMES

## Thought for today

FACTS do not cease to exist just because they are ignored — Aldous Huxley, English writer (1894-1963).

## Lebanese kidnappers free a hostage

## Syria sends strong signal to US

By Peter Smerdon

BEIRUT, (Reuters): In supervising the latest hostage release in Beirut, Syria has sent a strong signal to the United States to head its influence in Lebanon, diplomatic and security sources said on Tuesday.

Yet the release on Monday of Indian academic Mithleshwar Singh — rather than one of three American colleagues held with him — showed Syria's writ did not extend into the kidnappers' hideouts.

Damascus could not dictate which hostage was to be freed. "Singh ultimately owes his freedom to the kidnappers picking him out from the other hostages," said a diplomatic source. "They kept the three Americans for the longer times to come."

Ironically, analysts said, it was precisely because the hostage issue was winding down that kidnappers were determined to make all the political capital they could from any release.

## Alliances

"The hostage problem in Lebanon is winding down slowly," said one diplomat. "But while this happens alliances change and those holding foreigners sometimes will need to assert their declining independence."

Syria has some 25,000 troops in Lebanon and the Indian hostage's release follows intense efforts by Washington and Damascus to find ways to prevent the country from being formally partitioned after 13 years of civil war.

Twenty-one foreigners, including 10 Americans, are now missing, believed kidnapped in Lebanon.

Diplomats said Syrian officials were privately embarrassed when they discovered the Indian had been released on Monday night after they promised Washington one of the three Americans.

After 30 months in captivity, Singh, who has permanent US residence status, was handed on Tuesday in Damascus to the US ambassador with Indian

diplomats relegated to a minor role.

"The Syrians were red-faced because they were wrong," said another diplomatic source. "The Americans took Singh, but would have preferred one of their own."

## Goodwill

The group that grabbed Singh and three colleagues in 1987, Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine (IJLP), said two days before Singh was set free in Syrian-controlled west Beirut that it would release a hostage as a goodwill gesture.

The group suddenly switched its demands last month from the release of 400 Arab prisoners held in Israel to American recognition of Palestinian rights.

"I have good news for you and the American people," Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharra told an impromptu news conference at the United Nations in New York on Monday. "One of the American hostages will be released one hour from now."

US television networks, quoting US officials, said the White House expected the release of American Alann Steen. The sources said the US embassy in Damascus told the State Department on Monday Syria had promised an American, probably Steen, would be freed.

## Pressure

Diplomats discounted Lebanese political sources who said Singh was deliberately released instead of an American in an attempt to pressure Washington to help solve Lebanon's crisis the way Syria wanted.

But the message on Syria's role in Lebanon was clear.

"Sharra would not announce at the United Nations that an American was coming out if Damascus knew it was an Indian with a green card (residence permit)," said a diplomat.

"They were very surprised," Lebanon has had two rival governments vying for power and no head of state since President Amin Gemayel ended his term on Sept 23 without a successor.

## Gorbachev still faces opposition

By Bryan Brumley

WASHINGTON, (AP): Mikhail Gorbachev won a small, painful victory in the game of musical chairs in the Kremlin, but he failed to unseat some outspoken critics of his most radical reforms.

Gorbachev's most visible success was taking the place of Andrei Gromyko as Soviet president, combining that office with the more powerful post of general-secretary of the Communist Party, as did his three predecessors.

And he brought some new, possibly friendlier, faces into the ruling politburo.

But "it is still not Gorbachev's politburo," Stephen Cohen, head of Soviet studies at Princeton University, said Monday. "I don't see this as a decisive consolidation of power on the part of Gorbachev," Cohen said.

"As long as he is a reform leader, there is never going to be decisive consolidation. Every reform generates new opposition."

Peter Reddaway, who heads the Kennan Institute for Advanced Russian Studies in Washington, predicted that "in the next year or two Gorbachev is likely to come under increasing political pressure."

**Compromises** Gorbachev bought some time, said Cohen, by orchestrating "a fairly complex set of compromises by different groups on where the reforms ought to go."

"Gorbachev made some significant gains on balance, but he had to pay a price to people who do not share his views," Cohen said.

For the time being, the shuffle at the top has not visibly reduced the power of the two politburo members who have most vocally differed with the reform movement, Yegor Ligachev and Viktor Chebrikov.

In fact, it gave them authority over two of the most important areas of reform, leaving Liga-

chev in charge of reforming agriculture and Chebrikov in charge of reforming the legal system.

An extraordinary party conference this summer endorsed the partial decollectivization of agriculture by leasing state-owned land to farmers. And the conference also called for what could be sweeping changes in the legal system, ensuring protection of individual rights, a shift in power from the party to parliamentary bodies, and greater accountability for all those holding public office.

## Control

Putting Ligachev and Chebrikov in control of those reforms was intended, said Cohen, "to assure the moderates that the most radical reforms are in the hands of the least radical reformers."

Chebrikov did relinquish his job as head of the KGB security police, but he took a much more powerful post, party secretary. When Yuri Andropov made the same move in May 1982, he became the front-runner to succeed the ailing Leonid Brezhnev, which he did on Brezhnev's death seven months later.

Ligachev's new status is less clear. He had been the No. 2 man in the Kremlin, by his own account running the day-to-day affairs of the party secretariat.

Giving Ligachev the agricultural portfolio does not remove his hand from control of the party secretariat. And it puts him in charge of food production, a sector which can make or break Gorbachev.

## Success

"Gorbachev's success will rest on the degree to which he can carry out the reforms," which up till now have been hampered by conservatives and bureaucrats, Cohen said.

And the reforms have not generated much popular support because, in part, they have not put more food on the tables of Soviet consumers.

## Female doctors should check women

SIR: I endorse the view expressed in the letters "Ladies stripped" (AT, Sept 15-16).

It reminds me of my colleague who related his incident of the skin test. When he was called in to the room he was unaware of the kind of test he was to be subjected to. My colleague was asked to strip. He was to keep his clothes on the stool at the end of the room and walk up to the doctor's chair. Two women were also present. He thought their presence unnecessary as well as embarrassing and told the doctor so. To the annoyance and irritation of one of the females, they were asked to step out.

He recalled that prior to his entering the room a Sri Lankan lady had been called in. He heard raised voices but could not follow what it was about. When finally the woman stepped out, she looked flushed and had her head bowed low.

He later thought that perhaps women were asked to take off their clothes for examination by a female doctor and the woman's protest was due to the male doctor's presence in the

same room; although he could not observe her. The protest even under those circumstances was perfectly justified.

Kuwait strictly adheres to the Quranic injunctions and expects the same out of their citizens as well as expatriates. (Muslims and non-Muslims). The skin test of women by a male doctor and the way it is conducted is against all norms of decency and religion and must be stopped forthwith. A lady doctor, I am sure, can be engaged for the purpose.

A citizen,  
(Name and address supplied).

## Harassment by Bank of Baroda

SIR: I wish to alert my compatriots of the callous attitude and harassment meted out by the Bank of Baroda, Margao branch, Goa. I suffered such a fate when dealing with my fixed deposits.

In April 1987, in Bombay, I lost my baggage including my briefcase which contained valuables, various currency notes, airline tickets, passports,

bank deposit receipts, etc.

A police report was filed and in due course of time fresh passports were issued by the authorities, which enabled me and my family to return to Kuwait.

During my stay in Bombay, I made a trip to Goa, and informed the banks there of my loss of the fixed deposit receipts, and requested issuance of duplicate receipts.

On the basis of duly completed "Bond of indemnity" executed by me, other banks issued duplicate certificates. However, the Bank of Baroda, which holds a major and substantial portion of my life savings, and which was also provided a "Bond of indemnity", demanded that I provide two sureties, with means not less than the amount of the lost fixed deposit receipts. In effect the bank is demanding sureties for my money which is with it.

In September 1987, one of my fixed deposits matured and I requested the bank to credit the amount to my savings account with it.

This, the bank has refused to do saying this could not be done without first issuing the duplicate receipt.

The Bank of Baroda, as other banks with whom I have fixed deposits and other accounts, is

owned by the government of India. When I informed the other banks of the problems created by the Bank of Baroda, they were most sympathetic and even offered to stand surety if the funds are transferred to them. They could not understand why the Bank of Baroda is demanding two sureties for my money with it.

In April 1988, I wrote to the Reserve Bank of India, with a copy to the Indian Bankers Association, enclosing all the relevant documents and correspondence I had with the Bank of Baroda. But so far I have not received any reply from it.

By this letter I appeal to the authorities in India to redress my grievances.

Patrick Gomes,  
Safat.

## Tiwari's interview

SIR: An interview with the Indian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs K.K. Tiwari (AT, Sept 9) appeared to be an anti-Pakistan drive. About 80 per cent of the interview was related to the Indo-Pak ties and India's stance against Pakistan.

Tiwari criticised Pakistan's nuclear programme. Pakistan has repeatedly explained that the programme was aimed at peaceful uses of nuclear energy. Pakistan never said it would produce a nuclear bomb. Ironically, he did not rule out the possibility of joining the nuclear arms race on the pretext of a "threat to the security of India."

Tiwari, repeating India's stance on the Punjab problem said that it has concrete evidence of Pakistan's involvement, but he did not reveal the proof.

The Indian minister also indirectly accused Pakistan of interfering in the internal affairs of Afghanistan.

The interview did not cover the major Arab problem, the Palestinian issue and the current uprising in occupied territories. It is worth mentioning that India recognises Israel and maintains diplomatic ties at consular level with the Zionist entity. India maintains trade ties with Israel. Last June the Israeli Boycott Office in Kuwait blacklisted 23 Indian companies because of their links with Israel.

Mohammad Anwar Awan,  
Safat



## Worst teachers

SIR: The New Indian School has appointed six new teachers. Upon asking some students of what they felt about the new teachers, they said they were the worst they ever had.

A majority of them said that the new Maths teacher was not at all good. He gave severe imposition for not answering questions and often beat them. I think the school principal made a big mistake by appointing them.

M.C. Chako, Safat.

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## GEORGE BUSH'S ALL-PURPOSE EXPLANATION



OR DOING A BRIEF LOOP AROUND THE ROOM...



I WAS OUT OF THE LOOP... OR I WAS OUT OF THE ROOM...



OR WAS I GROOVING IN MY ROOM WITH A BREW?... NO...



OR OUT OF THE BRIEFING... OR IN THE BRIEFING BUT OUT OF THE ROOM...



I KNOW! — I WAS BRIEFLY GROOVING MYSELF IN THE LOO!!



## Foreign campaign experts invade Latin America

By Carrie Figdor

CARACAS, Venezuela, (AP): US political consultant David Garth came to Venezuela in 1978 to help presidential candidate Luis Herrera Campins. His first suggestion was that the famously fat politician lose weight.

Herrera, a Social Christian who felt his girth was an integral part of his popular image, rejected Garth's advice.

"When you're campaigning, Venezuelans will always offer you food and drink," the still-robust Herrera recalled recently. "The only way you can refuse without losing a vote is to say, somewhat mysteriously, that you're taking pills, and they'll think you have a venereal disease or something."

Garth lost the battle to slim down his candidate. He chose instead to capitalise on Herrera's communications skills in eight memorable commercials, filmed outdoors, featuring the candidate speaking with disgruntled citizens.

## Defeat

The spots galvanised the campaign and helped Herrera defeat the Social Democratic Party in a race that was crucial in forging Venezuela's democracy into a two-party system.

Foreign campaign consultants, nearly all of the from the

United States, have become a fixture in Latin American elections. The market has grown additionally as more Latin nations shake off military rule and turn to democratic government.

Besides Garth, other high-powered US pollsters, media specialists and general advisers who have worked in the region include Joseph Napolitano, David Sawyer, Matthew Reese, Robert Squier and Sergio Bendixen.

Either individually or as teams, they helped the winning presidential campaigns of Carlos Andres Perez, Luis Herrera Campins and Jaime Lusinchi in Venezuela; Oscar Arias Sanchez in Costa Rica; Nicolas Ardo Barletta in Panama; Alan Garcia in Peru and others.

In Latin America, there are fewer political campaigns than in the United States, but the prizes tend to be bigger. There are no limits on campaign spending, as there are in the United States.

## Valuable

Latin American politicians and US consultants say the advisers are most valuable for bringing an outsider's perspective on the candidate and on what voters want. They also provide techniques to link the candidate to the voter's desires.

Candidates ignore the advice of their hired guns from the north at their own peril.

Herrera was correct in dispensing with Garth's recommendation to slim down. In Latin America, unlike in the United States, overweight is not felt to reflect a personality flaw.

But in the 1987 presidential nomination race in Venezuela, Social Democratic hopeful Octavio Lepage ignored his consultant's advice to stay in his key government post, rather than quit to campaign in the streets.

Lepage, a dry party-line politician with no popular appeal, lost the nomination to Carlos Andres Perez, a charismatic former president who has no trouble gathering large and noisy crowds.

## Stronger

But the US consultants must also adapt. In Latin America, as in Europe, political parties are much stronger than they are in the United States, and party loyalty is the norm.

US consultants' advice can get lost in the shuffle as party leaders struggle for influence in the campaign, which is seen as collective rather than an individual bid.

Latin American candidates, who are almost always men, prefer a political message that emphasizes strength and machismo.

While television is growing in importance as a political tool in Latin America, the old-fashioned campaign rally, which has fallen from favour in the United States, is still a powerful technique.

Latin Americans have resisted using direct mail or telephone campaign operations, mainly because these public services are typically inefficient.

Even so, campaigns have increasingly resembled US contests, with a variety of imported techniques.

Mapping out a strategy, choosing one or two short messages that are repeated as long as they are effective, polling to obtain reliable information and relying more heavily on television are among the principles that have filtered south.

## Techniques

Now the region is developing its own advisers who are pioneering their own techniques.

Argentina's Felipe Nogueira, for instance, an Oxford-educated mathematician, is analysing at what point a voter chooses a candidate.

Substituting Latin consultants for US ones appeals to Latin pride and saves money at the same time.

## Tehran trying to acquire advanced weapons

By Ed Blanche

NICOSIA, Cyprus, (AP): Iran is reorganizing its military forces and seeking advanced weapons following the defeats in the war with Iraq that brought it to accept a United Nations-sponsored ceasefire.

"The reconstruction of the armed forces has a very high priority" in Iran's overall post-war reconstruction programme, Defence Minister Brig. Gen. Mohammad Hussein Jalali said last week.

"The Army and the Revolutionary Guards Corps must definitely be strengthened," he said in an interview with Tehran's Kayhan daily.

"This does not mean reinforcement for an offensive, but rather the prevention of probable aggression and for defence."

Asked if he thought Iran's unconditional acceptance of the UN Security Council's ceasefire resolution would ease the US led arms embargo that caused major problems during the 8-year war, Jalali replied: "Not yet."

"But there have been some signs. The world has now realized that Iran's cause has been genuine...."

## Weapons

"Of course, powers which are opposed to us are not going to supply us with advanced weapons. But we see it as our duty to acquire them and we're getting more hopeful by the day."

He did not elaborate. Diplomatic sources have said the Iranians are badly short of combat aircraft, tanks, radar and other sophisticated weaponry.

Even before the Iraqi victories, the Iranians were believed to be chronically short

## Iran re-organising its military forces

of heavy weapons.

The Iraqis claim they captured much of Iran's operational armour in a series of offensives between April and August that retook all the territory the Iranians had seized in the previous six years.

The speed with which the Iranians were driven back surprised even the Iraqis. Iranian resistance, mainly by the Revolutionary Guards, appeared to collapse rapidly as the Iraqis regained the offensive after years of stale defense.

The 350,000-strong Revolutionary Guards, Iran's sometimes-reckless force of Islamic militants, bore the brunt of the fighting and took appalling casualties in human-wave offensives.

The Iranians' abrupt acceptance of UN resolution 598, the basis for the Aug 20 ceasefire, stunned many Iranians, including the military, said businessmen who were in Tehran at the time.

"Several of the young men in my family were at the front and they couldn't believe it," said one Iranian, in Nicosia to attend a seminar.

"The knew things weren't going well, but they were absolutely speechless. They couldn't understand how it all caved in so fast. Some were relieved that the dying was over. But some were extremely bitter."

Recently, President Ali Khamenei and other key leaders have been touring the battlefield, trying to raise morale. There have been indications that the Re-

volutionary Guards, known as Pasdaran, have been blamed for Iran's defeats.

The corps was originally formed as a paramilitary force to safeguard the Islamic Revolution. But it was thrust into a military and eventually eclipsed the regular Army, which had been built up by the Shah and was distrusted by the hierarchy.

Iran's parliament last month dismissed Mohsen Rafiqdoust, the government minister in charge of the corps. He was replaced by Ali Shamskhani, 33, deputy commander of the corps' ground forces.

But Iranian leaders have publicly defended the Pasdaran. Ayatollah Khomeini told corps commanders at a military seminar last month: "You are my closest and dearest aides."

A unified military command set up by Rafsanjani, named acting commander-in-chief by Khomeini last June in a bid to reverse Iran's battlefield, defeats, has been reshaping the armed forces.

The reorganization has centered on the Revolutionary Guards. Its ground forces now comprise 21 infantry divisions, 15 independent brigades, 21 air defence brigades, three engineering divisions and 42 artillery, armoured and anti-chemical warfare brigades. Pasdaran spokesman Ali Reza Afshar last month.

But moves to merge the guards with the 200,000-man regular Army, often forced into a secondary role during the war by the Pasdaran, have been shelved — for now.

## Poland publishes secret document

universal at the end of 1949, other methods remained such as forcing people to stand up for long periods, forced squatting, and waking people up in the middle of the night and making them sprint up stairs," it says.

**Locked** "Water was poured into a cell two or three times a day, people were locked naked in a dark cell, they were interrogated with hands raised for long periods, and made to stand naked near a cell window in winter."

"No walks were allowed until the summer of 1952, no books or papers were allowed, and the so-called 'conveyor' technique was used — that is, conducting interrogations for as long as 10 days non-stop in an effort to exhaust the suspect."

Most Western historians say Stalinism in Poland was not as brutal as its versions elsewhere in Eastern Europe, but that many innocent people were repressed as the new communist leaders sought to impose their rule on an unwilling people.

Polityka quotes Jukuh Berman and Stanislaw Radkiewicz, two Polish leaders of the time who were directly responsible for the security police, as telling the central committee in 1957 that they had not known of the tortures.

**Devotion** Berman, asserting his devotion to communism and pleading in vain not to be expelled from the party, is quoted as saying: "I cannot accept the thought of being excluded from the party with which I have been tied for 34 years."

In an introduction to the document, Polityka says it is hard to establish the degree to

which Stalin's security police chief, Lavrenti Beria, instigated the repression in Poland, and to what extent the Polish police operated on their own.

But Polityka says so many Stalinists remained in the Polish leadership that when Gomulka became party chief in 1956 on a wave of popular hopes for freedom he had to keep in check the demands for an anti-Stalinist purge.

"Gomulka wanted to keep the costs low because he could base himself only on the people who had created Polish Stalinism. There was nobody else... that is why everything (connected with destalinisation) ended with the Novak Commission," it says.

**Jailed** Gomulka, who had been jailed from 1951-54 at the height of Polish Stalinism, lost popular support as he tightened his rule in the 1960s. He was toppled in 1970 after security forces killed dozens of rioting workers in Poland's Baltic cities.

The rise of the independent Solidarity Trade Union in 1980s prompted a new surge of destalinisation in Poland as film directors and writers, hurrying free from official constraints, produced works on the late 1940s and early 1950s.

The suppression of Solidarity under martial law in 1981 halted the process temporarily. But in April 1987, Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and Polish leader Wojciech Jaruzelski vowed there must be no "black spots" in Soviet-Polish history.

The publication of the Novak Commission's report does not mean, however, that all "black spots" have been cleared up.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1470 — England's King Henry VI is released from Tower of London.
- 1567 — Margaret of Parma resigns regency of the Netherlands, and Duke of Alva takes complete command.
- 1683 — First German settlers in America arrive in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 1848 — Austria declares war on Hungary.
- 1908 — Turkey grants concession to Germany to build railroad to Ankara.
- 1918 — French occupy Beirut, Lebanon, in World War I.
- 1937 — Japanese aggression in China is condemned by League of Nations.
- 1951 — Henry Gunrey, Britain's High Commissioner in Malaysia, is assassinated.
- 1958 — US nuclear submarine Seawolf surfaces off New England coast after establishing world record by remaining submerged for two months.
- 1972 — Train carrying religious pilgrims derailed and catches fire near Saltillo, Mexico, killing at least 208 people.
- 1976 — Coup in Thailand results in military takeover.
- 1981 — Egypt's President Anwar Sadat is shot and killed while reviewing military parade in Cairo.
- 1984 — Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak vows to uphold his nation's peace with Israel, and urges Arabs to unify their ranks.
- 1986 — US Defence Department says a disabled Soviet nuclear submarine sank east of Bermuda.
- 1987 — Iraq threatens to launch long-range missiles, air and artillery attacks on Tehran and other Iranian cities.

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## CINE ROUND-UP FROM BOMBAY

by Firoze Rangoonwalla

Special to the  
Arab Times

A spate of tame films from 'anti-establishment' directors

## Where have all the firebrands gone?

A SAD feature of the current Indian film scene is the disappearance of many film makers who entered the business with a lot of pep and revolutionary spirit.

They have gradually simmered down and disappointed cinegoers with a spate of tame films. As one wag has rightly pointed out, 'these directors are "anti-establishment" till they are established. Using art, protest films and new faces as a launching pad, they eventually settle down with costly formula films with the same old stars.'

This has happened to many directors making people wonder about their defection. The latest example is N. Chandra who had initially made a big impact with *Aankush*. It was the anger and excitement of the film that appeared so fresh and sincere. People liked the sympathetic portrayal of four roadside ruffians, their gang wars and what made their world so bitter. The rough edges and the slang talk also impressed cinegoers.

After that, Chandra was asked to direct *Pratigust* for some big producers. This small film, too, with new actors became a runaway hit. Thereafter Chandra turned his attention to the crore-rupee category films and the big stars of the industry.

The result is *Tezaab*, previewed recently, which has all the ingredients of fights and romance, but not the spirit and strength to make it ring true. The title means acid but the film maker's acidic approach to social evils and stinging comment on problems are totally absent.

It is surprising that he chose such putrid script material, with different formula combin-

ations. It seems the whole purpose was to show-case the stars. Anil Kapoor is the typical Munna "dada" who is in and out of jail, chased by some cops and belted by others. And Madhuri is the typical damsel perpetually in distress. A parallel pair is made up of Chunky and Suparna.

Mandakini appears in a special role and there is the triangular tug of love between Anil and the two girls. To make Madhuri jealous, Anil flirts with Manda leading to a predictable show-down. The hero performs absurd stunts like a drowning attempt and a fall from a great height. These sulking gestures and tit-for-tat tricks take up a lot of footage, while the kidnapping of the girls and rape attempts supply the titillation. There is even the old turnip of crooning a favourite song to recover the lost heroine and the use of flash-backs is shabby to say the least.

Madhuri's wicked father Anupam Kher, with hired 'goondas' led by Kiran Kumar (bearing a strange underworld name of Lotia) provide the villainy. There are fights galore on every pretext, the saving grace being that the film shows some reality by shooting on actual locales.

The noble angle of friendship comes with Chunky staking his life for his hero friend. The main villain is finished in the long climax and we are told that the hero has at last exhausted all the "acid" within him. We feel that if N. Chandra keeps going the same way, he will end up without any spirit left. His next films are the multi-star *Humnaa* and *Vagandhar*.

But we cannot blame Chandra of glamorous Bombay



Madan Jain and Suresh Oberoi in Dilip Shankar's impressive *Kaal Chakra*. There are high hopes for his new film *Aatank*.

alone, because Mrinal Sen of artistic Bengal is also tracking the same path. Mrinal has won much higher international honours for his angry, abrasive and cinematically vibrant films. But after the international co-production *Genesis* went awry, Sen too has been tamed.

He is now making a TV film with government moosey, called *Anwesha* (search) and Ek Din

*Achanak*. This Calcutta-based story is about an elderly scholar. He leads a retired life as head of the family. Once he goes out on a rainy evening for a stroll and does not come back. Months pass. The wife and grown-up children recollect their relationship with him. Did they have a fight and over what? Was the old man unhappy and discontented?

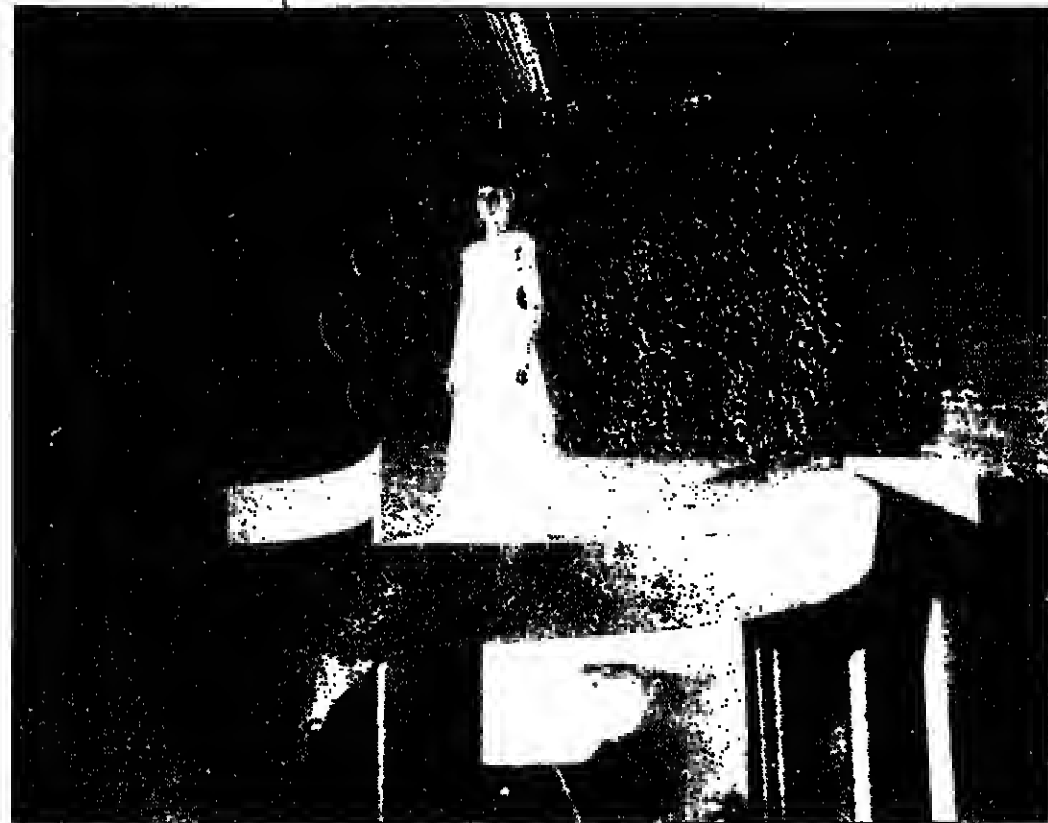
What did he always say about them or other people known to him? As they recall the past, the film also shows the old man in fragmented flashes from his past, mixed with the present. The whole thing is very close to Mrinal's own excellent film *Ek Din* Prati Din where a working girl does not return home one night, with similar consequences.

The ageing Mrinal himself it seems is getting stuck in past grooves, instead of grappling with contemporary problems. Such a film is also easier to shoot for him than a realistic one on the city's locations.

## Mellowed

Sailing in the same boat is another old firebrand B. R. Ishara, who once set Bombay aflame with *Chetna* and *Zaroorat*. He had a special knack on themes about women and why they are compelled to follow the flesh trade. He made a series of films, not all that successful, but with a lot of vigour which turn novices like Rehana Sultan, Parveen Babi, Reena Roy etc into stars. His questioning attitude to society was his finest point.

But now Ishara is a much mellowed man. Of course in his case, it was not the pursuit of wealth but the financial disasters of his many films, made in a quick slipshod way. Films recently completely by him are *Woh Phir Ayege* and *Doosra Roop* and he is also directing *Police Ke Peechey Police* for



Sanjana Kapoor stars in Ketan Mehta's *Hero Hiralal*. The director had shown promise with *Mirch Masala*, but has deteriorated to making a silly formula film.

Rajesh Khanna of all people. Surely Ishara is not happy with what he is doing. From the group of art film-makers who swore to hold up the new-wave flag, most have succumbed to the mainstream of formula films or wishy-washy TV serials and programmes.

## Promise

Ketan Mehta who showed promise with *Bhavni Bhavai* and *Mirch Masala* had a weakness for popular stars. But now he has gone the whole hog to make a silly, formula film like

*Hero Hiralal* even writing the screenplay with a commercial producer like Gul Anand.

Sayed Mirza once known as the angry young man of topical films, sparked with films like *Albert Pinto* Kn Gussa Kyon Aata Hai and *Mohab Joshi Hazir Ho*. But he has comfortably settled for poor TV serials like *Intezar* which are sponsored and hence much more paying. He is planning a new film called *Karim Langda Pe Mat Ro*.

Shyam Benegal was one of the pioneers of the new cinema.

His spirits slowly faded, deteriorating to lousy films like *Trikal* and *Susman*, and now he is in the thick of state-sponsored TV serials. Govinda Nihalani's fire almost boiled over in *Aakrosh* and *Arth Satya*, two exceptional films which showed that art realism can be highly successful at the box-office. But he too followed up with weak films and then TV. Finally, there is some hope from Dilip Shankar who impressed with *Kaal Chakra* and is now making *Aatank* (fear).

## Behind the screen

Sapna Mukherji is being talked about less for her playback singing and more for her stunning looks. Though she sang the famous *Jaanbaz* hit *Pyaar Do Pyar Lo* she is not taken seriously as a singer. Initially a music company tied down Sapna with a 2-year contract

and did not even bother to give a proper launch to her cassette *Zara Rak Jaana*. However, the Orissa born singer is now free to croon for all and she is buttering up star producers. But instead of songs, she is being offered roles, which she and her mother keep refusing firmly.



Sapna Mukherji and Govinda (right): the singer is offered starring roles rather than singing contracts



Her uncle's voice? Sonam (right) with Raza Murad.

The film world is a strange world, indeed.

Poor Sonam has become notorious for her heavy voice. As soon as she opens her mouth on the screen, people start laughing. The joke going round industry circles is that ever since producers found her unfit to speak, her uncle Raza Murad

offered to dub for her without charging a fee. If Sonam can wear her aunt's dresses, she can be her uncle's voice as well!

Salma Agha is not busy as a heroine and Padmini Kapila who gave up acting is plodding along as a producer. Yet, both have bought costly houses for themselves in posh areas of Bombay's suburbs. Shall we add: never ask a woman where her income comes from?

Amitabh has taken many films on hand as never before. People are surprised. They say it is his basic sense of insecurity. Age is already showing on his face and his health permits only five hours of work every day. This is perhaps his last round in filmdom, at least as a top highly-paid hero.

Shatrughan Sinha cannot resist playing pranks with young actresses. They all call him 'Shatru' (Bihari) bhैया, except for the half-Western half-Southern Amala, who calls him "uncle".

In Sanjay Khan's *Sarazameen* Vinod Khanna plays a dacoit. So Sanjay keeps Vinod's face mostly covered with a black cloth. Whenever Vinod misses a shooting, Sanjay can at least do some filming with a duplicate.



Chunky Pandey in N. Chandra's *Tezaab*. The title might mean acid, but the film-maker's acidic approach to social evils and stinging comment on problems are totally absent.



## FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

## FIBROCYSTIC BREASTS LIKELY BENIGN CONDITION

QUESTION: After much delay and unnecessary worry, I consulted my doctor who told me I had "fibrocystic" breasts. Can you offer me some information about my condition?

ANSWER: Fibrocystic breasts, although they may cause you concern or discomfort, are usually considered to be a benign condition that does not affect your risk for breast cancer. So you should follow the same guidelines to check for cancer warning signs that are recommended for all women, regardless of whether they have fibrocystic breasts. Regular breast self-examination is very important. Your doctor may recommend a breast screening, including a mammogram, physical examination and instruction on how often to perform a self-examination.

Some patients with fibrocystic breasts find that the condition disappears by itself, particularly if you avoid caffeine (although this is a subject of some controversy) and wear a support bra. Your doctor also may prescribe a diuretic or, if your condition is relatively severe, the medication danazol.

If your mother, an aunt, or a sister have had a breast cancer, or if you have had a mastectomy or a biopsy that showed a potential for concern, you may be advised to have an annual mammogram. If no problems appear after two years, you may only need this every two to three years.

There is little chance — less than 0.2 per cent — of getting breast cancer in the year after a mammogram indicates no problem. But because 12 per cent of cancers detected by screening clinics are ones that develop between visits, it's important for you, and for every woman, to practice self-examination.

QUESTION: I am aware that bacteria and other types of germs cause serious infections in humans. However, my daughter reports that her teacher said those little amoeba she looks at under the microscope also can infect people. Do amoeba really cause disease?

ANSWER: Your daughter's school teacher is absolutely correct, amoeba can cause disease and infection.

Amoebiasis is the name of the disease caused by amoeba. It comes from a ooc-

elled parasite *Entamoeba histolytica*, which can be carried without symptoms, but usually results to symptoms ranging from mild diarrhea to dysentery. It is found throughout the world but traditionally and most frequently in countries or areas that have poor sanitation.

It is found so frequently in the tropics that amoebiasis has come to be considered a tropical disease. But such is not the case as it can occur wherever water supplies are contaminated.

In certain places, plumbing problems can contaminate water that otherwise would be pure. That situation most often happens in seasonal establishments such as parks, lodges or resorts.

Anyone travelling to developing countries must take safety measures to guard against amoebiasis. Among them are drinking only boiled or bottled water, never brushing your teeth with water from the tap, avoiding ice cubes that could have been made with unsafe water and eating only thoroughly cooked food.

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## ANDY CAPP

By Smith





# The trials of a high-tech housewife

By Pat McDermott

I HAVE only ever met one person who could fold a fitted sheet the way its designers intended. My sister Marilyn can look a drip-dry polyester/cotton sheet right in its little elastic gathers and with a few deft twists and turns of the wrist, like a soldier folding a flag at a military funeral, produce a neat, rectangular package that would fit back into the original plastic bag.

Can you imagine what a woman like this could do if she were to become Prime Minister? No doubt Margaret Thatcher's linen cupboard is full of precise piles of percale.

Mine, on the other hand, is full of irregularly-shaped lumps. (Don't tell me I've left the baby in there again!) I do try. I get these tent-like things off the line or out of the tumble dryer, stand in a clear spot on the floor and make a number of large, folding motions and I don't do too badly with the middle of the sheet.

But I'm always left with four corners that won't co-operate, so I hunch it all up and squish it on a shelf and wonder at the march of science that has brought us the space shuttle, floppy discs, heart transplants, pre-moistened baby wipes and un-foldable sheets.

Daily life is now full of so-called convenience products, making things harder for us by the minute.

## Writing

I fully expect to be found, one morning, writhing on the kitchen floor, enveloped in metres and metres of cling film, still clutching the Vegemite sandwich I was trying to pack.

Cling film clings ... it clings to itself, to human beings, hot toasters, teapots, dogs, toast crumbs, small children, coffee cups and globes of peanut butter and honey. The only consolation is that you will probably need only one sandwich per person per week because it takes so long to find the fiddly corner bit to unwrap it.

Then there is that bit of precision engineering called the toasters. Ours gives you a choice of settings from barely warm to burnt black and is cleverly constructed to allow thin pieces of bread (usually ends of loaves) to fall through and then wedge firmly between the wire base and side wall.

Clouds of black smoke and soft curses fill the morning air as we try to prise the bread out.



(We all know, don't we, never to prod a toaster when it's plugged in? We use more equipment than the average surgeon including knives, barbecue tongs, forks and skewers until we succeed in destroying the slice of bread altogether.)

But possible electrocution by toaster is nothing compared with being glued to death. The scientists who brought us Concorde and Pac Man also unleashed Superglue. Superglue holds jumbo jets together. You can build two storey houses

with it. Nails and screws, string and thread, concrete and mortar are all outdated. I'm reliably told the Army uses Superglue to put together its tanks, and to ensure stiff upper lips among the troops.

Which is why I sat with a fixed smile (dab of s-glue at the corners of the mouth) amid a pile of pink sequins to be stuck onto a pink tulle ballet costume. (Because my daughter intends to be a second Margot Fonteyn that's why!) Sewing on sequins is a horrible way to

spend two or three years of your life.

First I glued a sequin to the costume. Then the costume adhered to my blouse. My index finger stuck to my thumb. A passing child was caught and held fast on the other side of the costume. As I struggled through the house in search of the instruction booklet, more people and things adhered. We had to move in unison to get anywhere ... by the left, forward march! At the last instruction booklet stuck to the dog who was sixth or seventh down the line and once we had glued some dog biscuits to his muzzle we discovered we only needed nail polish remover to dissolve the awful situation.

## Struggled

Twenty-three of us struggled to the bathroom cabinet, people stood in the shower and the bath while I rummaged along shelves, gluing myself to the dental floss, three hairpins, more elastic bands, countless safety pins, hits of cotton wool, mouthwash, combs and a letter from my mother which brought tears to my eyes.

Four hours later we had all gone our separate ways. Some to bed and one or two to the bottle.

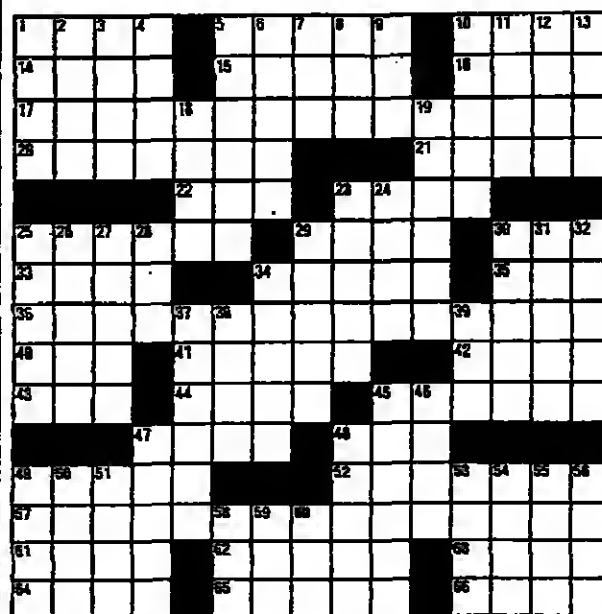
Can this be progress? At least you know where you stood with the old paste pot and hush ... alone.

The scientific community has much to answer for. In addition to follies on a grand scale, like the atom bomb and germ warfare, there are hundreds of aggravating inventions we could have gone without.

I'd like to talk to — or should that be interface with — the people who invented infants' disposable nappies with clever non-sticks tabs; the shopping trolleys whose wheels go every which way but forward; washing machines that get in a huff during the spin cycle; sink waste disposal units that relieve you of your sterling silver, your pay cheques, and even your fingers but can't handle soggy cereal.

Now, if the scientific community really wants to meet the challenge and make some things the rest of us could use, it should forget about lasers, beat-seeking missiles and microwave ovens that talk back, and work on two things of great value I've not been able to find ... a never-ending toilet roll and fitting-room curtains that meet!

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Cobbler's form
  - Swimmer's hindrance
  - Foot part
  - Glee club member
  - These have their ups and downs
  - Actor Bridges
  - American composer-performer
  - Sells in small quantities
  - Blackmore heroine
  - Lapdog, e.g.
  - Ivan or Boris
  - Accent
  - Nemeses of an O'Neil
  - Betty resident
  - Battle song
  - Snooze
  - Compass pt.
  - Song by 17
  - Across
  - Lunch
  - Musical composition
  - Wodehouse expletive
  - Map abbreviations
  - Cote dwellers
  - Exclusively
  - And others: Abbr.
- DOWN**
- Bert or John
  - Soap ingredient
  - Office copy
  - Caesar's costume
  - Bikes
  - Girdron festivity
  - Firth of Clyde
  - Pop's partner
  - Fraternity letter
  - Detest
  - Caboose's place
  - City in Normandy
  - Lulu
  - entertainment
  - Sharp barks
  - Ritz
  - Extinct
  - Arawakan tribe
  - Pipe part
  - Moss sapient
  - Walk
- 27 Melees**
- Hoop site, frequently
  - Goats
  - Fashion color
  - Single year's record, formerly
  - One of the Kennedys
  - Quiz show features
  - Humperdink role
  - Ames locale
  - Brooks or Ferrer
  - Taste
  - Clarinet's cousin
  - Maxwell and Lancaster
  - Hen, e.g.
  - Shirt fastener
  - Askew
  - Misplace
  - Grandpiece of
  - 32 Down
  - Multi-hued stone
  - Arm bone
  - Observed
  - Road curve
  - 59 Ref. of 47
  - Across
  - Pod inhabitant

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
THE MOST SKILLFUL GAME

Both vulnerable. North deals.

### NORTH

♠ A Q 10 4  
♥ A J  
♦ 8 7 5 4  
♣ 8 6 3

### WEST

♠ 3 2  
♥ Q 8 6  
♦ K Q J 9 6 3  
♣ 7 5

### EAST

♠ 9 8 7 6 5  
♥ K 10 7 5  
♦ A  
♣ A 4 2

### SOUTH

♠ K J  
♥ 9 4 3 2  
♦ 10 2  
♣ K Q J 10 9

The bidding:  
North 1♣ East 1♠ South 2NT West 3NT  
Pass 1♣ 2NT Pass  
3NT Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♣

Which is the more skillful game, bridge or chess? Great argument has raged for many a year, but you know where our bet lies. We need only cite this historical reference. About 150 years ago, a Frenchman named Guillaume le Breton Deschappelles was regarded as both the best chess player and whist player of his day. He remarked that, within a few days of learning chess, he was able to defeat the reigning world champion, and that thereafter he never found anything new to learn about the game. Whist, however, always presented new challenges, and he felt he would never completely master it.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

ADHD MADAM SPA  
NILE INURE IWAS  
GRANDSTANO NEAP  
LENTIL LDUNGERS  
DDD LES SEAT  
CLAPTRAP MDS  
BABA DIRE AVERT  
OSAKA RDN LEASE  
DICES ALAD ATOP  
YAK PELLMELL  
TOES ELI ALP  
SPRINTED ANDREA  
DLAN HURDY GURDY  
DUCK ERDIE DDOGE  
ASK ROPED EWER

Now whist is a forerunner, and simpler version, of bridge. A coup discovered by Deschappelles, and bearing his name, is still one of the most dramatic defensive plays available. It involves the sacrifice of an unsupported honor to force an entry to partner's hand.

The auction is a nightmare, but that doesn't mean that three no trump is an easy contract to defeat after West's lead of the king of diamonds is taken by East's ace. With routine defense, declarer can take four spades, four clubs and the ace of hearts. Not even a low heart at trick two will do—West's queen loses to dummy's ace and, since West has no entry, declarer will walk home with nine tricks.

The winning defense is the Deschappelles Coup. East must switch to the king of hearts at the second trick, and declarer has no counter. Whether or not he wins immediately, West has an entry and the defense will take seven tricks before declarer can utilize his clubs.



"Something's wrong with the holiday rota, sir."



"Someone to see you at last, Mr. Brown."

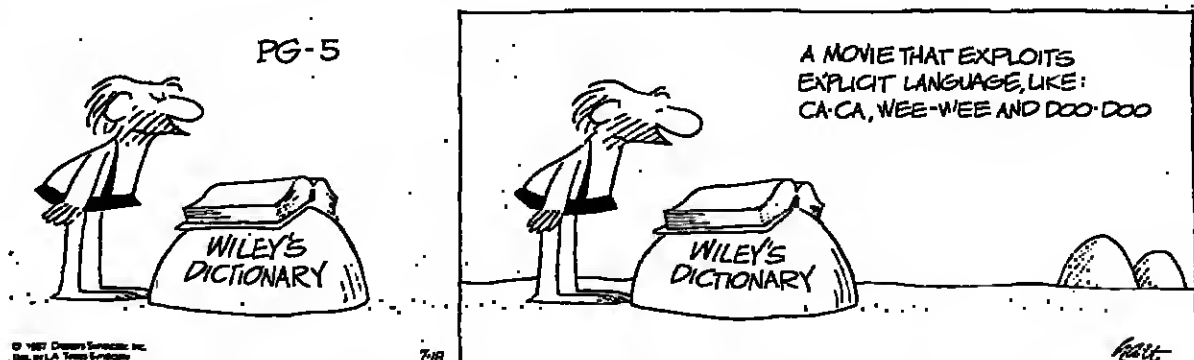
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
Today you will be able to clinch a good deal but you must not ask for too much. Your intuition will provide you with some guide, but let reason decide. Take better care of your health. Be resolute.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You will have a lot to do and will need all your ingenuity to deal with an unusual problem. You will be able to try a new method of dealing with the situation. Venus' more favourable influence will help you in your personal relationships. Be more positive.

**Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)**  
You must avoid being too obstinate. All too easily your attention will stray and you should try to prevent it doing so. A little more goodwill and a little more common sense are needed just now. Be more tolerant.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)**  
You will encounter more obstacles than you had anticipated but if you keep your head you will be able to deal with them. Your peace of mind will be disturbed but you will soon be able to restore it. You will be able to help settle an argument between two of your friends.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will have to deal with a rather aggressive person but if you keep calm you will prevail. Venus' more favourable influence will help you to keep your emotions under control. You should check for mistakes both yours and 'theirs'. Be a little more generous.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)**  
Today you will be able to come to a conclusion but you must avoid jumping to it. You will have something to be really pleased about. You are liable to take a little too much for granted. Be alert.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)**  
There will be some tension but you will have the willpower needed to deal with it. Venus' better influence will help you to cope with your emotional problem. You should make sure you do not give away a secret. Be frugal.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)**  
This is going to be a busy day for you and you will be able to deal with an outstanding matter. If you are a little more patient you will start to see the results of your efforts. You will be able to make a few changes for the better. Be sensible.

**Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)**  
You must beware of making a complicated situation even worse. You should deal first of all with the most pressing problems leaving secondary matters until later. You will have something to be pleased about. Be a little less selfish.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
An important matter cannot be delayed for much longer. Your powers of persuasion will be at their peak and you will be able to deal with a tricky problem too. Try to be a little more constructive. Be fair.

**Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)**  
You will tend to feel a little anxious, but there is no real need so. You will have a lot to do but there is no point in rushing things, just keep up a steady working pace. You should be particularly careful when on the road. Be more patient.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)**  
You will be rather easily distracted and should try hard to concentrate. You will find it easier to make the correct choice. There is no reason to lose confidence and faith in yourself. Be a little more adaptable.

By Art Buchwald

AS soon as word got around that the Brady Amendment on gun control had been defeated, everyone at the Wounded Knee Bar and Grill began to celebrate. The drinks flowed and customers took turns shooting out the stained-glass windows. "Congratulations," I told Crazy Jesse, a Saturday night special gun lover. "If the Brady Amendment had passed, a person would have had to wait seven days before he could get delivery on a weapon. Your people know how to give Americans instant gratification." "We couldn't have done it without Congress," Crazy Jesse admitted modestly. "How did you get Congress to go along?" "We paid them," he replied. "We have this fund that we spread around when it looks as if someone is going to try and make you wait a week for a gun. Congress is pretty hungry for money during an election year." "How wonderful to

know that Congress voted with its heart." "You can't have good government unless you give them some money. Of course we didn't buy everyone. There were a few members who voted against the amendment because of their convictions." "How did you deal with those people?" "We gave them money, too." "I'm pleased that the gun lobby doesn't discriminate. I guess the police chiefs who wanted the Brady Amendment are very unhappy that you managed to defeat it." "The police don't know anything about firearms. All they are trying to do is prevent themselves from being killed. If they had their way, no one could buy a handgun in America." "The fools," I spat out. "Handguns are the very things that are keeping us from becoming savages." "The Brady Amendment is finished," Crazy Jesse said. "And if you don't

drink to that I will put a hole through you." "Aw, come on, Jesse, you're only kidding." "Try me." "Is it true, Jesse, that you were recently discharged from the funny farm?" "Something like that. That's why I prayed so hard they would defeat this amendment. The bill was aimed at people like myself who couldn't afford to wait seven days to get a pistol." "If the Brady Amendment had passed, it would have been very unfair. After all, you're just as entitled to be part of the American dream as anyone else," I told him. "I'm glad you said that. If you hadn't, I might have blown your head off." "Don't worry, Crazy Jesse. As long as the gun lobby has the clout, I'm on your side. After all, the Brady Amendment could only have slowed down the killing, not eliminated it. I'll take an Uzi submachine gun over a bad firearms law any day."

Jesse took another shot of booze. "They will never take my gun away," he vowed. "How are you going to stop them?" "I'm a lifetime member of the gun lobby. We're a major force for moderation in this country." "I believe you, Jesse," I said. "The only reason I can sleep at night is because I know that you keep a revolver under your pillow." "But I am law-abiding." "You certainly are. You may be a little shaky in the church steeple, but when it comes to persuading Congress to vote the right way, you're a tiger." "People have gun dealers all wrong. They think they are unfeeling when dealers really are the salt of the earth. Look, I just bought this gun a couple of hours ago — no questions asked. Do you know what the salesman said as he handed me the bullets for it?" "I have no idea." "He said, 'Have a nice one.'"

1988, Los Angeles Times Syndicate

## Shoot



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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Final quarter may not bring much improvement

### Bonds sustain worst slump since early '80s

NEW YORK, Oct 5: Investors in the world's major bond markets are having their worst year since the early 1980s, and the final quarter probably won't bring much improvement, money managers and analysts say.

A combination of robust world economic growth, higher short-term interest rates and a strengthening dollar has turned global fixed-income investing into a mine field. "This has been one ugly year so far and it doesn't look like it's getting any better," says Kenneth Windheim, who manages a \$3.5 billion bond portfolio for Prudential Capital Management International, according to the Wall Street Journal.

With the exception of Australian, Canadian and high-risk, high-yield US junk bonds, government bond markets proved dismal investments in the nine months ended on Friday.

A basket of US bonds, for instance, returned only 6 per cent, while West German, Dutch, Japanese, British and French government securities provided negative total returns of 13.22 per cent, 12.19 per cent, 6.79 per cent, 5.18 per cent and 4.56 per cent, respectively, during the period, according to Salomon Brothers Inc.

"You'd have to go back to before 1984 to find a year with such poor across-the-board performance," says John Lipsky, a director of international bond-market research at Salomon.

The returns are measured in US dollars and include price, income and currency changes for bonds with remaining maturities of at least one year.

Even some of the savviest money managers in the global bond market took their lumps in the first nine months. "This isn't a market you should be messing around in if you don't know what's going on," says Denis Karnosky, a managing director and head of asset allocation at First Chicago Investment Advisors.

First Chicago is mollified that it's doing better than the negative 6.5 per cent nine-month return for a basket of major government bonds.

Even so, the firm's \$15 billion global bond fund has a negative 3.9 per cent total return from January through August. (September's figures aren't available yet). "Obviously the performance hasn't been there," says Karnosky.

Windheim of Prudential says his global bond fund returned only 2 per cent for the eight

months ended August 31. "A miserable showing after we earned double-digit annual returns of as much as 40 per cent over the past three years. I'm now sitting on the fence — underweighted in bonds across the world on the expectation that interest rates will move higher."

Even money managers who attempted to hedge the risk of a strengthening dollar wound up with little to show for their seemingly clever manoeuvres. First Chicago, for instance, used sophisticated options strategies to help prevent the value of its non-dollar bonds from eroding.

"We started hedging the currency component of our non-dollar bonds in February because we figured the dollar would either be stable or rebound significantly," says Karnosky, whose global bond funds still are struggling to provide positive returns.

In hindsight, many managers say, balancing bond investments with a variety of short-term deposits would have proved more successful during the year's first nine months. That's because short-term interest almost everywhere rose faster than long-term rates.

In the US, for example, the

rate on three-month Eurodollar deposits rose to 8.56 per cent at the end of the third quarter from 7.31 per cent at the end of 1987. Rates on Eurodollar deposits climbed to 5.06 per cent from 3.31 per cent during the same period.

While Lipsky of Salomon says the rise in US rates isn't over — suggesting that both the dollar and long-term rates could rise further — "next year could turn out to be more favourable for bond-market performance."

When the economy starts showing signs of slowing, bond markets could begin to do better.

Despite paltry or negative returns from most sectors of the bond market the past nine months, an investor who bought a basket of major government bonds 12 months ago and sold them at the end of the third quarter would have earned 14.43 per cent in the period, according to the Salomon world government index. So far this year, so-called high-yielding currency markets, such as the Australian and Canadian bond markets, have been the only stellar performers.

Canadian government bonds returned an average 15.4 per cent during the first nine months, while Australian government bonds returned 18.71 per cent.

In the US, junk bonds earned the highest returns: about 13.08 per cent, according to Salomon. But they aren't likely to dazzle anyone this quarter, several money managers say. They expect a huge wave of new issues soon that could create a glut, at least temporarily.

"My guess is we're looking at \$10 billion to \$12 billion of new issues in the next three months," said James R. Caywood of Caywood-Christian Capital Management in La Jolla, California. "For the junk market, that's pretty darn big, and it could create, digestion problems."

Merrill Lynch Capital Markets officials say bond yields may rise a bit more over the next few months. "But we expect sharply lower bond yields by the end of next year," says James Kochan, an analyst. Caywood-Christian expects strong returns from junk bonds early next year. "By then, a lot of the volume should be out of the way," he says.

But Marshall B. Front, executive vice-president, Stein Roe & Farnham Inc., a Chicago-based investment management firm, remains sceptical. He strongly favours Treasury bonds over junk.

## Ozal orders cuts in spending

ANKARA, Oct 5. (Reuters): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal today ordered cuts in government spending to help curb Turkey's soaring inflation.

The inflation rate reached an eight-year high of 81.8 per cent on an annual basis in September. A circular published in the official gazette banned the purchase of new vehicles and redecoration of offices. It also sought cuts in entertainment, food, clothing and medical costs.

Ozal issued a similar order in April which bankers, seeking firm monetary and fiscal policies to curb a ballooning budget deficit and rising inflation, said later had little effect.

**Problem**  
"Inflation cannot be cut down with a knife. Solving this problem gradually will give much more efficient results," Ozal told a meeting of his Motherland Party yesterday.

Inflation, a major factor behind Ozal's decisive defeat in a constitutional referendum last month, is at its highest level since the 1980 Army coup crushed extremist political violence.

Ozal said Turkey's high growth rate and the depreciation of its currency were main reasons making it difficult to control inflation, which has nearly doubled in the past 12 months.

## Indonesia to continue free foreign exchange policy

JAKARTA, Oct 5. (OPECNA): Indonesia will continue to maintain a free foreign exchange policy under which foreign investors can withdraw their capital at any time, according to an investment official.

Rasjidi, vice-chairman of the Indonesian Investment Coordination Board, told members of the Japanese investment mission that Jakarta would also continue its "open door" policy towards foreign investors.

He added that investments in export-oriented projects would receive "priority attention." The Japanese mission will study the possibility of expanding investments in Indonesia's small and medium-scale industries.

Meanwhile, Finance Minister Johannes Sumartono said on Wednesday that Indonesia is ready to slash state spending and take new steps to promote private investment to help its economy if oil prices stay weak.

But he made clear it would not devalue its currency nor greatly step up its borrowings from foreign banks to cope with the plunge in the price of its leading export.

"We have no plans at all for a devaluation," he said. Indonesia is the 11th largest oil producer and a member of OPEC. Despite weak oil prices, Sumartono appeared relaxed in an interview with Reuters, occasionally cracking jokes with Central Bank Governor Adrianus Mooy.

## Budget deficit figures incomplete

KUWAIT, Oct 5. (Reuters): The Central Bank today said a Reuters report on Saturday that Kuwait's 1987-88 budget deficit had fallen to KD100.8 million (\$350 million) was based on incomplete figures.

Reuters calculated the figure from the bank's statistical bulletin for the 1988 second quarter, which gives revenue and expenditure for each of the four quarters of the 1987-88 fiscal year.

But a Central Bank official said the quarterly spending figures did not include sums committed for payment during the fiscal year but not yet disbursed.

He said the actual deficit would be announced in the near future upon release of the closing account.

## Housing plans to benefit 4.5m people

TEHRAN, Oct 5. (OPECNA): In the next five years, Iran will build 11 new townships and complete 272 urban plans to provide housing for 4.5 million people, according to Minister of Housing and Urban Development Serajeddin Kazerouni.

He was speaking at a conference on housing technology which was also attended by Iranian President Ali Khamenei.

The new townships will come up near Tehran, Isfahan, Arak, Mashhad, Shiraz, Tabriz, Kerman, Bandar Abbas, Ahvaz, Bakhtaran and Bushehr.

## 'Volume has picked up recently on many major exchanges'

### Markets show mixed progress in post-crash recovery

NEW YORK, Oct 5. (AP): The stock market crash moved steadily across time zones like a tidal wave last October, but the recovery has proceeded unevenly around the world.

Trading has been slowed in most countries, despite strong advances in some markets, particularly in Asia.

George Mulvey, vice-president for International Research at Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc., said volume has picked up recently on many major exchanges and he views that as a sign that "investors are coming back to the market."

**Declines**  
The world's 20 major stock markets were up about 9.5 per cent in late September compared with the end of October 1987, according to an index developed by a research unit of Morgan Stanley and Co.

The markets in Japan, France, Spain, Singapore-Malaysia and Australia have posted double-digit gains in local currencies since October, according to Morgan Stanley Capital Inter-

national, while the US market was up 5.7 per cent.

The West German and British markets grew more slowly than the US market did, according to the index, while markets in Italy, Norway and Switzerland posted small single-digit declines.

**Ripe**  
The Japanese stock market, the world's largest, is up about 14 per cent since the end of October, and several analysts said it was the only major market to exceed its pre-crash highs.

The Nikkei stock average, a measure roughly comparable to the Dow Jones industrial average, surpassed its pre-crash high of 26,646.63 in April and has since risen an additional 3 per cent.

Japanese stocks have benefited from strong economic growth trends, particularly in manufacturing, Shearson's Mulvey said. A surge in corporate profits and consumer spending has also contributed to the rise.

But some analysts believe the market in Japan is ripe for a fall.

"The market is so extended. At some point it has to be more reasonably valued," said Murnaghan of Rowe Price.

Mark Stadkus, vice-president at Morgan Stanley, said Japanese stock prices are trading at about 50 times expected earnings, over three times more than in the United States at the end of August. He said the Japanese stock market has traditionally traded at big multiples of earnings, but some analysts are wary about chances that further price gains can be sustained.

"The markets in Singapore and Malaysia are up more than 29 per cent, have been spurred by strong regional growth trends, Shearson's Mulvey said.

Even the Hong Kong market, which closed for four days after the crash, is up 14 per cent.

Rowe Price's Murnaghan said the Australian market, up nearly 25 per cent, has benefited from the rise in commodity prices. The market has a heavy concentration of commodity-based businesses.

But not all of the high-per-

forming foreign markets are in the Pacific.

The French market is up 19.8 per cent and the market in Spain is up 24.5 per cent from October, according to the Morgan Stanley index.

Murnaghan said takeover activity and strong economic fundamentals have helped the French market, while Spain has drawn strength from improving economic growth and progress toward reducing inflation.

Both markets have been helped by speculation about the impact of the planned 1992 dismantling of many trade barriers within Europe, he said.

**Performance**  
Nonetheless, the British and West German stock markets turned in below-average performances since the crash, according to the Morgan Stanley index.

Murnaghan said the United Kingdom's market, up only 2.83 per cent since last October, has suffered from perceptions that the economy was growing too fast, a worsening trade outlook, lower oil prices and higher

interest rates.

West Germany's market was up 5 per cent, but has suffered because of slow growth, the high value of the West German mark and the Central Bank's vigilance against inflation, Murnaghan said.

The Italian market is off 1.75 per cent since late October. Mulvey said ongoing bank reforms there have hurt stock prices.

**Willingness**  
One money manager, Jean-Marie Eyvillard, who manages the \$1.5 billion International Fund in New York, said institutional investors are showing a greater willingness to invest internationally.

"As time goes by and the equity market gets better psychologically, they are saying after all that maybe the crash was an aberration, not a warning. I'm not in that camp... but that is what some think."

Eyvillard has about \$15 million of the fund's \$108 million invested in foreign stocks, about the same ratio as in January.

## Shell 'close to success' on shut-down systems

LONDON, Oct 5: Shell Expro, the North Sea operator for the Shell and Esso oil companies, believes it is very close to a breakthrough in the production of a new generation of pipeline emergency shut-down systems.

So said Bob Reid, chairman and chief executive of Shell UK, in a speech on North Sea safety to the British Institute of Energy Economics in London last night, reported a London daily.

In the wake of the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster and the more recent blow-out on the Ocean Odyssey rig, the Department of Energy has been pressing all the oil companies to look at shut-down systems.

The systems presented a far from straightforward issue, said Reid.

"There have been considerable doubts about the risks involved both in the installation and maintenance of subsea pipeline valves and their overall

reliability. Shell Expro has seen real progress in the last five years in collaboration with valve suppliers and we believe we are very close to a viable solution," he said.

In the early days of North Sea energy exploitation, oil and gas were brought in as fast as humanly possible because of demand but this was not at the expense of safety, said Reid.

**Vital**  
"I cannot tell you how much we spend on safety because it is designed in as a vital part of each project from the conceptual stage onwards. And once a project is operational we do our utmost to ensure that safety is a way of life for everyone at every level."

But he admitted: "No human activity is entirely without risk and the offshore oil and gas industry would certainly come fairly high on most people's lists

of hazardous employment."

"Our continuing task is to eliminate the risk element as far as we possibly can and to ensure that everybody working on our installations is aware — and maintains that awareness — of the hazards of dealing with inflammable materials, often under high pressure."

"Without wishing to appear in any way complacent I think it is true to say that the offshore oil industry stands fair comparison with any other."

It was important that the events of the past months, tragic as they had been, should not detract from the "tremendous achievements" in the North Sea, he said.

Meeting legal requirements for safety standards was regarded by Shell Expro as an absolute minimum, said Reid. Frequently facilities were designed and built in a way which went well beyond what the law required.

## Iraq flexes its muscles to press new demand for higher oil sales

KUWAIT, Oct 5. (Reuters): Iraq, emboldened by Gulf war victories over Iran, is flexing its muscles within OPEC to press new demands for higher oil sales.

Astrident Iraq, confident of its military strength, poses a new challenge to the 13-nation organisation grappling with a world oil glut that has sent prices tumbling to two-year lows, diplomats and oil traders said.

Iraq dealt Iraqi oil exports a devastating blow in the early days of eight-year-old conflict.

But after a string of successful military offensives leading to an August 20 ceasefire, Iraq has come back with a vengeance.

Backed by huge oil reserves and rapidly expanding export outlets, Baghdad is striving to consolidate its power as the

Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' second largest producer, a position historically held by Iran.

The guns have fallen silent, but Iran-Iraq rivalry for oil supremacy is likely to dominate a crucial OPEC meeting later this month to discuss ways to avert a further oil price collapse, analysts said.

Dubai, crude, a Middle East benchmark, was quoted in Tokyo today as low as \$9 a barrel against an official OPEC price of \$17.42.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi recently visited fellow OPEC members Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) to win support for new Iraqi output demands, Gulf oil officials said.

He told them Iraq badly needed higher revenue to pay back some \$60 billion in foreign debt and to reconstruct war-damaged areas, they added.

Since December 1986, Iraq has insisted on quota parity with Iran, allotted 2.369 million barrels per day (BPD) in a June pact designed to shore up world oil prices.

**Output**

But Iran has rejected the demand, leading Iraq to refuse any curbs and hike output from an average 1.9 million BPD in 1986 to its current 2.7 million BPD.

Until the ceasefire, Baghdad was in effect prepared to cut output by some 400,000 BPD if Tehran accepted quota parity. That has changed.

## Royal Bank of Scotland in £79m Spanish link-up

LONDON, Oct 5. — The Royal Bank of Scotland yesterday unveiled a link-up with Banco Santander, Spain's fourth largest bank, as an important part of its strategy to break into Continental markets in the run-up to 1992, reports a London daily.

The scheme, which involves cross-shareholdings and wide-ranging commercial co-operation, fulfils RBS's aim of a joint venture rather than an acquisition on the Continent. Until now it has had few business activities on mainland Europe.

**Scheme**  
Under the scheme, RBS and Banco Santander will have cross-shareholdings of 2.5 per cent. Additionally, the Spanish bank has bought a further 2.5 per cent of RBS from the Kuwait Investment Office, which supports the deal.

The purchase reduces the KIO's stake in RBS from 14.4 to 11.9 per cent, but Charles Winter, chief executive of RBS, denied that reducing the holding was

the main reason for Banco Santander's purchase.

He also said the cross-shareholding was not meant as a prelude to a full merger and that the two banks would continue to remain fully independent.

**Deal**  
The deal is costing RBS £79 million, including the issue of new shares to the Spanish bank and a cash payment of £52 million. It involves setting up a joint venture between the banks in Gibraltar. This will be managed by RBS but its products will be marketed through Banco Santander's 1,400 branches in Spain.

At the same time, the Scottish bank is taking a 50 per cent share in CC Bank in West Germany and Credit du Nord Belge in Belgium, which are Banco Santander subsidiaries.

The British and Spanish banks will also look for joint acquisitions elsewhere in Europe, but co-operation in the US is ruled out. RBS is buying Citizens Financial Corp. in the US.

## Oil price drop highlights importance of reforms: Algeria

ALGIERS, Oct 5. (Reuters): Algeria, warning its citizens of more belt-tightening, has expressed anger at what it calls the illogical complacency of some other oil producers for failing to reverse the latest oil price slide.

"It is only by more stringent austerity measures... and greater rigour in spending and increased management efficiency that the country will attain its aims," the official APS news agency said yesterday in a report on the economic outlook.

With OPEC members pumping way over quota, oil prices have slumped in recent weeks. Today, the key British Brent Blend traded in Tokyo at \$11.40 a barrel and some analysts have predicted prices could fall much lower.

Within the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries

(OPEC), Algeria has advocated tight production controls to keep prices buoyant.

"With the petrol price stuck in a downward spiral by international markets, with the illogical complacency of certain producers, it is clear the chances for a spectacular turnaround in our foreign exchange position remain uncertain," the report added.


It said substantial economies had prevented the price slump from placing in jeopardy the country's development plans, but acknowledged a much-needed boost in foreign exchange earnings was unlikely to materialise.

Algeria has tried to lessen its dependence on hydrocarbon exports since its oil-based economy was battered by the mid-1980s slump in energy prices.

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NAME	LAST	199.0
ABEY LFE	314.0	
ADT LTD	135.0	
ALD LYONS	461.0	
AMSTRAD	212.0	
ARGYLL GP	165.0	
ASDA GP	144.0	
CAA	275.0	
BTR	295.0	
BAT INDS	437.0	
BAYCLAYS	417.0	
BASS	792.0	
BEAZER	188.0	
SEECNAMS	444.0	
BERSIFORD	410.0	
BICC PLC	390.0	
BLUE ARW	89.0	
BLUE CIRC	458.0	
SOC GP	424.0	
BOOTS CO	225.0	
BPF INDS	261.0	
BR CONN	222.0	
BR AIRWAY	69.00	
BR AEROSP	479.0	
BR GAS RG	172.0	
BR GAS RT	172.0	
BR LAND	337.0	
B.P.	136.0	
B.P. TEL	134.0	
BURMAN OL	542.0	
BURTON	204.0	
CABLEWIRE	390.0	
CADBURYS	379.0	
COATS VTY	175.0	
COMM UNI	340.0	
COMS GOLD	283.0	
COOKSONS	263.0	
COURTAULD	287.0	
DALGETY	316.0	
DIXONS	150.0	
ENG CHINA	508.0	
ENTER OIL	642.0	
FBI BABCO	26.00	
FERAMIT	93.0	
FISONS	56.24	
GATWAY	172.0	
GEN ACCID	893.0	
GEN ELEC	156.0	
GLAND	320.0	
GRANADA	320.0	
GLOBE	141.5	
SLYMED	283.0	
GUARD RYL	179.0	
GOL	318.0	
GUINNESS	323.0	
HOWSONS	653.0	
HARRISON	146.0	
HARRISON C	662.0	
HUKER SID	521.0	
HILLSDON	265.0	
ICI	627.0	

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ADDISON	32.0	32.0
ADVEST	322.0	322.0
ALEX WIKW	161.0	162.0
ALEXON	345.0	344.0
ALD COLL	134.0	134.0
ALD IR B	248.0	249.0
ALD LND	124.0	124.0
ALD PLNT	57.0	57.0
ALLIANCE	824.0	824.0
AMBER DAY	48.0	48.0
AMEC	379.0	380.0
AMER TST	129.0	130.0
AMERSHAM	564.0	565.0
AMT WLTCH	239.0	238.0
ANGIA TV	183.0	182.0
ANSBACH	83.0	83.0
APPLYEAR	458.0	457.0
APV PLC	121.0	121.0
ASHLEY-LA	107.0	107.0
ATMOWDS	288.0	288.0
AUTO SECS	269.0	269.0
AVDEL PLC	73.0	73.0
AVIS EUR	344.0	343.0
AVON RUBB	710.0	710.0
B.WEJILL	185.0	184.0
BAILL JAP	453.0	453.0
BAILL SHI	79.0	79.0
BALROD (W)	220.0	219.0
BANK IRE	245.0	247.0
BANKER IT	73.0	74.0
BARKER DO	144.0	144.0
BARRY DEV	168.0	167.0
BAYNES C	28.0	29.0
BBA GROUP	168.0	168.0
BEAR BND	4.0	4.0
BEAR BRD	9.0	10.0
BEATTIE J	149.0	150.0
BEJAM GP	163.0	162.0
BELHAVEN	54.0	55.0
BELLWAY	239.0	240.0
BEMROSE	208.0	208.0
BERLOX ID	48.0	49.0
BERKELEY	291.0	292.0
BHAIN NIT	417.0	418.0
BHJ GROUP	107.0	107.0
BF OF SDO	343.0	343.0
BLACK LE	15.0	15.0
BONNETT +F	35.0	35.0
BONNE WAS	237.0	236.0
BODDINGTON	145.0	145.0
BOOTH SHIP	600.0	600.0
BOOT HEUR	382.0	383.0

## World Indices

INDEX	LATEST	1/PREV-DAYS/2	PREV-GR	PREV-YR
FT 300 IND	1471.7	1457.6	1455.8	1476.5
FT 500 SHR	0	1020.5	1018.4	1030.5
FT ALL SHR	0	937.08	935.09	957.6
FT GOV SEC	88.10	88.04	87.96	87.22
FT GOLD NW	173.0	172.6	171.1	171.6
FT NIMES F	0	585.50	596.93	596.93
FT OIL	0	1761.9	1731.5	1765.2
FT WLD DLR	0	125.93	125.73	125.62
FT WLD STG	0	109.72	109.72	110.62
FT WLD LDC	0	115.18	115.61	116.01

## London Stock Market Report

U.K. SHARES FIRM BUT OFF HIGHS IN LATE AFTERNOON  
LONDON, OCT 5, REUTER - SHARES WERE FIRM BUT OFF THEIR HIGHS BY LATE AFTERNOON. DEALERS SAID THE RECENT BUILD UP OF SPECULATIVE ACTIVITY ALONG WITH SHORTAGES OF STOCK HAD HELPED SQUEEZE THE MARKET HIGHER ALTHOUGH ANOTHER SETBACK ON WALL STREET AND PROFIT-TAKING BROUGHT PRICES BACK FROM THE TOP.  
DEALERS SAID IT APPEARED THE INSTITUTIONS WERE TRICKLING CASH BACK INTO THE SHARE MARKET, PICKING UP STOCK WHERE IT LOOKED CHEAP AFTER THE DECLINES OF RECENT WEEKS.  
BY 1503 GMT THE FTSE 100 WAS UP 15.3 POINTS TO 1,471.6, AFTER A HIGH ON THE DAY OF 1,477.9, JUST BEFORE THE WALL STREET OPENING. DEALERS REPORTED HIGHER VOLUME THAN OF LATE.  
DEALERS SAID SOME OF THE MARKET'S BRIGHTER SENTIMENT AROSE FROM HOPES THAT THE NEXT SET OF U.K. BALANCE OF PAYMENTS FIGURES WILL SHOW THAT RECENT RISES IN BASE LENDING RATES HAVE HAD THE DESIRED EFFECT OF DAMPENING DOWN CONSUMER DEMAND.  
GRAND METROPOLITAN, HOWEVER, LAGGED BACK FROM THE GENERAL MARKET'S ADVANCE AS INVESTORS REMAINED WINDFALL THAT THE COMPANY IS PLANNING A 479 MILLION POUND RIGHTS ISSUE TO HELP FUND ITS 5.2 BILLION POUND BID FOR PILLSBURY OF THE U.S.  
PART OF YESTERDAY'S DECLINE WAS PINNED TO DISAPPOINTMENT THAT GRAND MET'S BID WAS GOING AHEAD RATHER THAN BEING SPENT ON PREVIOUSLY RUMOURED TARGETS CADBURY AND RANKS HOVIS.

## London Gold

LONDON, OCT 5, REUTER - GOLD BULLION HELD FRACTIONALLY ABOVE SESSION LOWS IN ROUTINE TRADING TOWARDS THE CLOSE, ALTHOUGH PRICES STILL CLOSED SLIGHTLY LOWER, DEALERS SAID.  
SPOT GOLD CLOSED AT 395.60/396.10 DURS AN OUNCE, DOWN FROM AN OPENING 397.70/398.20 AND LAST NIGHT'S 397.50/398.00 CLOSE.  
DEALERS SAID THE AFTERNOON DECLINE FROM LITTLE CHANGED MORNING LEVELS WAS PROMPTED BY LOSSES ON COMEX AND REFLECTED THE FALL IN U.S. CRUDE FUTURES BELOW 13 DOLLARS TODAY.  
BUT SOME CHART SUPPORT WAS SEEN AROUND 395 DURS, WHILE PHYSICAL DEMAND IS ALSO EXPECTED BELOW THIS LEVEL, AND THIS LIMITED THE EXTENT OF THE SETBACK, THEY SAID.

## London Money Market

LONDON, OCT 5, REUTER - MONEY MARKET INTEREST RATES WERE SLIGHTLY FIRMER IN LATE TRADING AFTER A QUIET DAY WHICH FOLLOWED THE TREND SEEN EARLIER IN THE WEEK.  
RATES MOVED UP DURING THE MORNING AND SPENT THE REST OF THE DAY STAYING WITH NO NEW FACTORS EMERGING TO AFFECT SENTIMENT. ONE MONEY BROKER SAID, "WE'RE STILL SLOWLY CORRECTING AFTER LAST WEEK'S DOWNWARD MOVE BUT VOLUME IS VERY LOW."  
THE BENCHMARK THREE MONTH INTERBANK WAS BID 1/16 POINT FIRMER AT 12-1/16 12 PCT. DEALERS SAID THEY SEE THE THREE MONTH RATE TRADING IN A RANGE 3/16 POINT EITHER SIDE OF 12 PCT WITH NO MAJOR U.K. INDICATORS DUE FOR TWO WEEKS.

## Foreign Exchange

DLR	STG	DMK	FFR	OPEN
STG 1.6925/35				
DMK 1.8613/8693	3.152/166	3.1560/75	10.7455/7570	NOON
FFR 1.3480/3850	10.75/7680	340.260/900		FIX
SFR 1.5840/5850	2.6817-6850	84.91/85.01	24.91-94	1300
NFL 2.1040	3.5615	112.745	33.11	FIX
ECU 1.11143	.656488	2.07416	7.06317	CLSE
SDR 1.29842	0.765442	2.41376	8.20485	CLSE
YEN 133.70/80	226.26/57			NOON
SDR RATES	04/10/1988	OTHERS	05/10/1988	

NEW YORK  
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NAME	OPEN	MID-DAY
A BSC CH	32.2	32.2
ATLANTIC R	76.3	76.2
AAR CORP	25.7	26.0
ABBOTT LAB	47.1	47.1
ACME CLVLD	9.0	8.7
ADV MICRO	9.0	9.0
AEROFIL LAB	7.1	7.1
AETNA LIFE	50.7	51.0
GEORGI-PAC	17.1	17.2
GLOBAL MAR	41.3	41.3
GOLDEN HUG	12.7	12.7
GOODRICH	57.2	56.7
GOODYEAR	53.0	52.7
GOLD INC	23.0	22.7
GRACE WR	25.6	25.5
GRANGER	54.7	54.7
GREYHOUND	34.0	34.0
GRUNMAN	21.6	21.6
GULF RES-C	13.4	13.4
GULF-WESTN	39.4	39.5
HALLIBURTON	25.2	25.3
HALLWOOD	15.6	15.6
HANNA MIN	28.6	28.6
HARRIS CP	27.2	27.2
HARTWICK	27.0	26.7
HEWLETT	45.5	45.5
MEL CURTIS	39.2	39.3
HEWLETT-PACK	46.2	46.0
HEWLETT-PACK	49.1	49.2
HEWLETT-PACK	39.4	39.7
NILLENBRND	29.4	29.4
NILLENBRND	35.3	35.5
HILTN NTL	49.2	49.0
HITACHI	117.2	117.2
HITACHI MIN	14.2	14.2
HITACHI-NAR	14.4	14.6
HOLIDAY C	26.0	26.0
HOMER DEPOT	26.4	26.3
HOMER FED S	24.2	24.3
HOMER NOTR	151.4	156.6
HOMER NOTR	63.4	63.6
HOMER NOTR	37.6	37.6
HOMER NOTR	29.2	29.3
HOMER NOTR	17.3	17.3
HOMER NOTR	25.1	25.2
HOMER NOTR	114.1	114.4
IC INDUST	36.1	36.1
ICN PHARMA	6.7	7.0
ICN PWR CO	18.7	18.7
ICN PWR CO	30.6	30.7
INDIA GROW	0	9.2
JEFF PILOT	35.1	35.1
JER P-8-5	0	81.0
JOHNSON JOH	34.7	34.7
JOHNSON JOH	85.5	85.5
JOHNSON JOH	37.6	38.0
JOHNSON JOH	18.6	18.6
JOHNSON JOH	12.2	12.2
JOHNSON JOH	38.7	38.7
JOHNSON JOH	25.6	25.6
JOHNSON JOH	26.6	26.6
JOHNSON JOH	15.1	15.1
JOHNSON JOH	27.0	27.0
JOHNSON JOH	58.0	58.0
JOHNSON JOH	27.4	27.3
JOHNSON JOH	173.4	172.6
JOHNSON JOH	44.0	44.0
JOHNSON JOH	33.3	33.3
JOHNSON JOH	13.2	13.2
JOHNSON JOH	4.1	4.2
JOHNSON JOH	29.3	29.3
JOHNSON JOH	31.2	31.2
JOHNSON JOH	44.3	44.3
JOHNSON JOH	58.0	58.1
JOHNSON JOH	6.2	6.2
JOHNSON JOH	53.3	53.2
JOHNSON JOH	22.6	22.5
JOHNSON JOH	40.3	40.3
JOHNSON JOH	13.2	13.2
JOHNSON JOH	3.1	3.1
JOHNSON JOH	13.2	13.2
JOHNSON JOH	25.6	25.7
JOHNSON JOH	28.5	28.4
JOHNSON JOH	32.4	32.2
JOHNSON JOH	0	15
JOHNSON JOH	30.5	30.4
JOHNSON JOH	18.0	18.0
JOHNSON JOH	10.4	10.5
JOHNSON JOH	32.2	32.2
JOHNSON JOH	42.6	42.6
JOHNSON JOH	1.5	1.4
JOHNSON JOH	38.3	38.2
JOHNSON JOH	45.1	45.3
JOHNSON JOH	34.1	34.2
JOHNSON JOH	0	114.2
JOHNSON JOH	30.6	30.4
JOHNSON JOH	30.6	30.5
JOHNSON JOH	44.6	44.6
JOHNSON JOH	38.6	38.6
JOHNSON JOH	40.2	40.2
JOHNSON JOH	37.6	38.0
JOHNSON JOH	21.6	21.4
JOHNSON JOH	23.4	24.0
JOHNSON JOH	6.6	6.7
JOHNSON JOH	60.2	60.2
JOHNSON JOH	30.7	30.6
JOHNSON JOH	70.4	70.2
JOHNSON JOH	5.6	5.6
JOHNSON JOH	8.7	9.0
JOHNSON JOH	19.1	19.0
JOHNSON JOH	0	5.0
JOHNSON JOH	41.2	41.2
JOHNSON JOH	89.4	92.0
JOHNSON JOH	45.0	44.7
JOHNSON JOH	49.0	49.0
JOHNSON JOH	13.7	13.7
JOHNSON JOH	37.4	37.4
JOHNSON JOH	64.4	64.3
JOHNSON JOH	31.6	31.5
JOHNSON JOH	88.6	88.6
JOHNSON JOH	32.6	32.4
JOHNSON JOH	28.1	28.2
JOHNSON JOH	25.6	25.7
JOHNSON JOH	45.6	45.4
JOHNSON JOH	53.0	53.0
JOHNSON JOH	80.4	80.5
JOHNSON JOH	16.0	15.7
JOHNSON JOH	23.4	23.6
JOHNSON JOH	30.3	30.2
JOHNSON JOH	0	28.4
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JOHNSON JOH	47.5	47.5
JOHNSON JOH	22.6	22.6
JOHNSON JOH	0	13
JOHNSON JOH	24.1	24.0
JOHNSON JOH	33.6	33.6
JOHNSON JOH	51.4	51.4
JOHNSON JOH	52.5	52.4
JOHNSON JOH	28.2	28.4
JOHNSON JOH	14.3	14.3
JOHNSON JOH	21.0	21.0
JOHNSON JOH	46.7	47.0
JOHNSON JOH	33.6	33.5
JOHNSON JOH	49.7	50.0
JOHNSON JOH	48.7	48.7
JOHNSON JOH	32.6	32.5
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Interbank Rates			
CALL		ONE MONTH	THREE MONTHS
LDH	12-1/4 12	12 11-7/8	12-1/16 12
FFT	4.70/80	5.05/10	5.20/25
PAR	3-5/8 1/2	7-5/8 3/4	7-3/4 7/8
ZUR	1-5/8 1-7/8	3 1-3/4	3-1/2 3-3/4
BREX	7-7/8	7-1/8 3/16	7-1/4 3/8
ROM	10-1/4 10-3/4	10-7/8 11-3/8	11-1/8 11-5/8
AMS	5.12/25	5.43/50	5.50/60
TKX	4.0000 0625	4.3125 3750	4.3125 3750
ECU	7.37 7.62	7.37 7.43	7.54 7.57

**KUWAIT, Oct. 5. (KUNA):** Following are the average KD interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday:

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	7-1/8	7-9/16
3 months	6-3/4	7-3/16
6 months	6-5/8	7-1/16
1 year	6-9/16	7

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	74	73	72	NICO	655	660	660
ACC	262	264	263.50	GNFC	54	54	54	NUKAND	108	108	110
ASIA PAINT	193.75	191.25	195	GRASIM	115	118	114	NOCIL	740	773.50	773.50
BAJAJ AUTO	340	340	341.50	HIND LEVER	86	84.50	85.50	PELCOR	42	41	40.50
BAR. RAYON	330	325	330	HINDALCO	113	112	113	PFIZER	71	71	70
BOM. DYMING	133	132	133	HINDOCOCA	117.50	115	116.25	PRES. AUTO	46	46	45.75
B.R. BOND	120	120	119	HINDMOTOR	27.50	27.25	28	RAYMOND	59	58	60
BSE INDEX	676.58		678.79	IND ORG	42	44	45.50	RELIANCE	190	190	192
CENTURYSPG	1140	1140	1190	INDRAYON	76.50	77.50	78	SHEMENS	86	84	90
COLGATE	290	288.75	291.25	INDROL	242.50	242.50	253.75	SPIC	53	51	53
DEEPAKFERT	48	48.50	48	ITC	58	56	58	STDWILLS	365	380	370
EI. HOTEL	55	55	52.50	JKSYNTH	84	82	83.50	DATA PHR	300	305	312
ESKAYFAT	147.50	146.25	147.50	L AND T	134	136.50	140	TATACHEM	100	96	99
ESSAR	23	23	23.50	MAHINDRA	93.50	94	99.50	TELCO	747.50	767.50	772.50
GAR. SHIP	95	96.50	96	MATHESTER	12.35	13	13	TISCO	933.75	937.50	940
GOE. POLY	33.50	33.75	35.75	WATSON PL	80	76.25	80	VOLTAS	440	420	440

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLOSE
AEG	185.0	184.0
ALLIANZ VR	1723.0	1703.0
BADENWERTH	179.0	178.0
BASF	273.8	273.0
BAYER	303.0	301.0
BAYER HYP	366.8	363.0
BAYER VER	364.7	361.0
BBW	316.0	315.0
BOEING	429.0	429.0
COMMERZB	506.0	505.5
CONIT GUNN	243.5	241.5
DANER BER	253.0	254.0
DEUTSCH BAK	696.0	693.5
DOLBY	520.0	517.0
DRESDNER B	371.0	377.0
DR BARCOCK	169.6	170.5
ELFAZ INDEX	517.22	517.94
FELDSCHNEID	279.5	279.8
HARPENER	424.0	424.0
HOCHEST AG	296.2	296.0
HOESCH	158.5	156.9
HOLDEN	215.5	215.0
MUSSEL HLD	445.0	447.0
NALCI SALZ	163.5	165.0
KARSTADT	449.2	447.0
LAURITZEN	493.0	394.0
CLOCK W	133.0	132.0
CLOCK W	106.2	107.1
LINDE	696.0	692.0
LUFTHANSA	150.0	150.2
MANHESMAN	210.0	208.5
MERCEDES	172.5	170.0
METALLURG	574.0	568.0
INDORF PF	298.0	300.4
NORSK HYD	408.0	408.0
NILIP COM	28.34	28.50
ROSCINE	660.0	666.0
RUSSAG	179.5	179.0
SAH	235.8	235.0
HEINMETAL	305.0	304.0
SAE	220.0	229.8
SAE P	273.5	212.0
SAVANDER	272.5	274.0
SCHERING	538.5	540.0
SEL	283.0	282.5
SIEMENS	475.5	472.5
SYNSEN	158.5	158.5
TERA	288.5	288.5
ARTS	263.2	262.8
LEW	159.4	159.5
OVSKANDEN	275.8	271.0

STOCK	LAST, PR-CLSE		MITSUBI CP		1150	1150
AIJIMOMOTO	2900	2790	MITSUB EL	983	1020	
AKAI ELEC	560	565	MITSUB EST	2360	2360	
AKOI	931	944	MITSUB HWY	980	1010	
ASAH GLS	1920	1920	NOISU OO	895	905	
ASAH OPT	610	621	MITSUKOSHI	1830	1860	
BANK TOKYO	1550	1530	NICH COM	1150	1170	
BRIDGESTON	1240	1220	NIRON ONIT	830	835	
CANON	1370	1370	YIKKO SEC	1660	1650	
CASIO COMP	1370	1390	NIP ELEC	1850	1920	
CHUGAI PHM	1510	1520	NIP KOKKAM	784	800	
CITIZEN W	830	830	NIP OIL	1130	1140	
D-ICHI KAN	2930	2930	NIP STEEL	784	805	
DAI NIP IK	840	850	NIP YUSEN	775	787	
DAI NIP PT	2680	2700	NIS MOTOR	1240	1230	
DAI NIP SC	0	970	KOMURA SEC	3250	3280	
DAI NIP TO	620	610	CHINA CO	855	860	
DAICEI	900	815	DAI NIP TO	1150	1130	
DATMA H	1952	1960	YAMATO OCH	870	885	
DATMA SEC	2140	2160	PIONEER	3130	3210	
DEBA MFG	882	881	RENKAM	895	895	
EISAI	1880	1930	RICOM	1140	1120	
FUITSU	1560	1630	SANICYO	1980	1950	
FUJI BANK	3090	3100	SANYO ELEC	689	692	
FUJI PHOTO	3160	3210	SEIYU ST	2100	2060	
FUJISAMA	1690	1710	SEKISUI PB	1070	1060	
FUJITA CP	729	714	SHARP	1630	1660	
HITACHI	1560	1620	SHISEIDO	1550	1540	
HONDA NOT	2020	2090	SONY	6100	6250	
ISETAN	2070	2090	SUMITOMO	1080	1070	
ITO YOKADO	3700	3810	TAISEI	991	1010	
JAP STY RN	1010	1020	TAISHO HRN	1100	1100	
JAPAN AIR	13300	13300	TAKEDA CH	2500	2510	
JAPAN MET	602	609	TEIJIN	760	765	
KAJIMA	1540	1570	TOD MEW IX	116.76	129.78	
KANSAI EL	3200	3200	TOKIO HRN	1900	1890	
KOD SORP	1640	1670	TOKYO ELEC	1040	1060	
KAWASAKI H	700	720	TOKYO GAS	1390	1400	
KAWASAKI S	205	205	TOKYO POWER	6070	6100	
KIRIN BREW	1760	1770	TOSAKI EL	810	828	
KOMATSU	807	820	TOSHIMA EL	1040	1090	
KUBOTA LTD	835	829	TOTO	1910	1940	
KYOCERA	4920	5010	TOYO KODGY	674	675	
NAKITA EL	1460	1470	TOYOTA NOT	2500	2540	
NARUI	2750	2820	YAMADA	1270	1290	
NATSUTA EI	2350	2440	YAMATITCI	1690	1700	
NATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMAGUCHI	3880	3900	
NEIJI SEIK	925	934	YAMAZAKI	1330	1340	

STOCK	EAST	PR-CLSE
N TUNNEL	15.00	14.90
HEUNG K	7.00	7.00
MINING GAS	16.00	15.90
MINING L-P	15.50	15.40
MINING MTR	21.20	21.00
OSMO PRO	2.80	2.70
VERIGO IND	.44	.43
NR EAST C	.68	.68
NR ORIENT	0	44.00
C DEVELOP	8.40	8.40
S INDEX	417.42	415.76
ANG LONG	4.87	4.85
ANG SENG	26.70	26.70
W PAR BR	9.70	9.70
ELEC CO	6.80	6.85
KOMCO	7.65	7.65
LAND CO	7.90	7.85
SHIAN BK	5.90	5.95
SHAN HT	4.15	4.15
TELE CO	4.90	4.87
UTCH WHAM	7.95	7.95
ID EG PAC	11.50	11.40
RODINE N	13.00	13.10
RAILWAY	8.20	8.15
WORLD	10.70	10.60
UL T Y CON	2.35	2.37
ALITY DEV	6.60	6.60
N K CO	1.69	1.65
N K PROP	10.00	10.40
NR DART	2.02	2.02
ELUX MFG	2.60	2.62
TREK PAC	16.80	17.00
V B CO	13.50	13.40
I CHEUNG	3.35	3.30
OCK BARK	1.41	1.37
TOR NAME	0	7.25
OCK MARI	0	1.15
LD INTL	3.60	3.65

	OPNG	CLSG		
N COMPANY			JOR NATIONAL BANK	
MINUM INTD.			JOR PAPER CARDBOG	3.25 3.19
K			JOR PHOSPHATE MINS	2.52 2.52
ICAL DTER	3.60	3.69	JOR PIPES MANUFAC	
URANCE CORP.	1.43	1.45	JOR PRESS/PUBLISN	2.00 2.15
INSV/TRAD.	0.98	0.98	JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.05 4.00
UNION INS	0.90	0.99	JOR SECURIT CORP.	0.74 0.75
ER, HOTELS	0.53	0.58	JOR SELPHO CHEM.	
/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10	JOR WOOD INDUST	
ER CON/TRD	0.30	0.31	JOR WORSTED MLL	4.60 4.60
RNA, MANF.			JOR, KUWAIT AGR	1.00 1.00
RNA/CHEM			JOR, PETROLIUM REF	
ASH COS	0.76	0.75	JOR, FRENCH INS.	
SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65	JOR, INV. FIN. CORP	
JORDAN			JORDAN GULF REAL	0.29 0.29
INSURANCE	1.00	0.95	JORDAN DAIRY	
MAN BANK	28.00	28.00	JORDAN GULF BANK	1.17 1.20
CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25	JORDAN GULF INS.	0.94 0.95
HAB PRESS			JORDAN INSURANCE	13.85 13.90
WA OV/INV.			JORDAN ISLAMIC BHK	1.63 1.62
VEST/HOUS.			JORDAN KUWAIT BHK	
CREDIT/COO			JORDAN TANNING	1.97 1.93
INSURANCE	2.35	3.95	LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.60 0.62
INSURANCE	3.29	2.63	MACH/EQUI/RENT/MAIN	0.75 0.75
INVESTMENT	1.31	1.30	MACH/INDUSTRIES	0.69 0.73
MINING.	1.35	1.35	MIDDEL EAST HOTEL	0.60 0.40
MINERALS	0.75	1.05	MIDDEL EAST INS	60.00 60.00
D NALS	1.35	1.30	MINERALS RESEARCH	
CH JEMCO	1.51	1.50	NAT. FIN. INVEST CO	1.70 1.75
DEVLPT BHK			NAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF	1.00 1.00
CON/AGR.			NATIONAL AMIA INS	
AL INVEST.	0.75	0.75	NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.38 0.40
CON/INV			NATIONAL PORTFOLIO	0.67 0.67
ELECTRICITY	0.86	0.86	NATIONAL REALTY	
RY, HOUSE	0.64	0.64	ORIENT DRT BATTERY	0.25 0.28
ELECTRIC/CH			PETRA BANK	1.90 2.00
COMPLEX	0.79	0.61	PETRA JOR.INS.	0.35 0.35
CON/CI/AGT	1.26	1.29	PETRA INS.	
ICIAL FACTO	14.00	14.00	RAFTA INDUSTRIES	0.75 0.75
INS.	1.19	1.19	REAL ESTATE INV.	0.42 0.42
TRIC POWER	25.01	25.05	SHIPPING LINES	0.85 0.85
HOUSE	1.63	1.65	SPINING WEAVING	
INDUSTRY	1.09	1.09	THE HOUSING BANK	1.88 1.87
TOURISM			UNITED INSURANCE	0.98 0.98
INDRY CHEN.	2.50	2.30	UNIVERSAL CHEM.IND	
INDY FIN.	1.20	1.20	UNIVERSAL INS.	0.69 0.65
			YARNOUL INDUSTRIES	0.68 0.68
			WAKOLK INSURANCE	1.16 1.18

INDUSTRIAL SECTOR			67.50	
BUY	SELL	OPEN	BC-A	.40
.70	8.80	8.80	LC-A	.41
.22	2.24	2.16	LC-B	.40
1.12	2.16	2.10	PX-A	.29
0.00	30.50	30.50	PX-B	.30
.03.00	204.00	205.00	OIL SECTOR	.31
.16	2.24		BP-A	.012
.38.00	139.00	139.00	BP-B	.013
.22.00	228.00	227.00	LRC-A	.0024
			LRC-B	.0024
CTOR			OPW-A	.026
.019	.019		OPW-B	.027
.02	.019		OV-A	.024
.7.50	17.25		OV-B	.025
				.026
				.025

INFORMATION				
	SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
0.	346,020	6,385,745	835.09	5.25 DN
	24,742,200.	1,909,775	3,873.75	-3.54 UP
	190,050,000	1,160,650	4.313	UNCHANGED
	*215,138,220.41	312,470,480.89		1.80 DN

INDUSTRIAL SECTOR									
BUY	SELL	OPEN		BC-A		67.00			
238.00	139.00	138.00		BC-B	85.00			85.0	
227.00	228.00	227.00		LC-A	.41		.42	.41	
	36.00			LC-B	.42		.43	.41	
203.00	204.00	204.00		ZIP	.0085		.009	.0095	
2.20		2.16		OIL SECTOR					
1.70	8.80	8.70		STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN		
0.50	31.50			BP-A	.012	.013	.013		
1.10				BP-B	.013	.014	.013		
2.24	2.32	2.24		LRC-A	.0026	.0028		.013	
BUY				LRC-B	.0026	.0032			
SELL	OPEN			OPM-A	.026	.027	.027		
.019	.02	.019		OPM-B	.027	.028	.028		
.019	.02	.019		QV-A	.024	.025	.024		
7.25	17.50	17.25		QV-B	.025	.026	.025		
0.00	21.00			TA	.018	.019			

SHARES	VALUE	AVERAGES	CHANGES
....190,710	4,100,690	841.33	DN 0.56
112,108,750	9,214,325	3742.05	UP 16.50
383,000,000	6,649,800	4.584	UP .047
495,299,460	19,964,815	688.69	UP 2.59

LAST PR CL	FUJITEC	656	KUMP BHAS	119
	G KENT		72 M CONT	100 101
	G LUMBER	97 99.5	M FLOODMIL	34
	G TOWN		N FEED	310
185	G U HDGS	102	N GLASS	200 201
27 26.5	GANDA HDG	29	M TIN PRT	53 54
124 125	GEN CORP	60 62	M UTD IND	140 139
	GEINTING	468	M UTD WFG	57 58.5
112 111	GOLD COCH	195	M 'SHITA	605
123 126	GS	112 111	M 'WATA	591
515 520	GUINNESS	280	282 MAGNUM	194 200
320 320	GULA	28.5	MALEX IND	380
575 590	M L IND.	144	151 NC HDGS	71 70
	NARIUMA	89	90 MINEREA	126
368 370	HAW PAR	298	302 MULPHALTD	47.5
462 468	HEXIZA	70	70 MULTIPURP	54.5 57
	IKNO-PAC	201	212 MURATATO 1	
	INNOVEST	100	100 N ST TIME	279 285
91 94	INSAS	29	30 NAMELASTPR	CL
	INT WOOD		76 NB TIMBER	82 84
440	J CEMENT	76	80 PILEDON	103
146 149	JACKS LTD	138	ROBINSON	243 250
348	JC ENT	92	ROT2 IND	213 214
206 206	JC-MPH	75 76.5	S FOODER	45
326 310	JOHAN HDG	40	40 S PACIFIC	314
	K G HDGS		125 S PRESS	690 695
28.5	K KELLAS		220 S PRESS F	695 700
205 210	KAMUNTING		100 S SHIP	302 312
640 635	KAMUNTA N	72.5	S'YANG M	176 177
	KE SAING		120 SAUNG	110
560	KECK SEING		165 SHEL ORD	500
248	KEBEL	253	266 ST STEEL	154 159

STOCKS CLOSE LOWER  
 20,000, OCT 5, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CONTINUED TO FALL  
 RISE CONSECUTIVE DAY, PUSHING THE STRAITS TIMES  
 INDEX TO AN 18-WEEK LOW, BROKERS SAID.  
 DOW CLOSED 12.10 POINTS LOWER AT 993.18 ON  
 QUIET TRADING. IT STOOD AT 999.29 ON MAY 31.  
 RISE ROSE TO 19.4 NEW SHARES COMPARED WITH TUESDAY'S  
 DECLINES OUTNUMBERED ADVANCES 151 TO 20.  
 SAID PRICES FELL FROM THE OPENING BELL AND  
 TO DRIFT LOWER IN THE AFTERNOON DUE TO A LACK OF  
 LOSS-CUTTING SALES. THEY SAID SENTIMENT CONTINUED  
 DUE TO LACK OF FRESH FACTORS.

BANK SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
-NATIONAL BANK	1.100	1.080	1.090	1.080	430000	19
-GULF BANK	0.433	0.430	0.430	0.430	640000	2
-COMMERCIAL BK	0.325	0.320	0.320	0.320	630000	20
-AHLI BANK	0.385	0.380	0.380	0.380	20000	2
-S.K.N.E.	0.395	-----	-----	-----	20000	2
-K.R.E.B.	0.395	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-BURGAN BANK	0.315	0.315	0.315	0.315	690000	36
-K.F.HOUSE	0.560	0.550	0.560	0.550	195000	9
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
-KWT INV. CO.	0.154	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.I.I.C.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-COM.FACILITIES	0.490	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-ANLIAN INV.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-I.T.F.A.	0.100	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-INV. PEARL KWT	0.104	0.104	0.104	0.104	80000	1
INSURANCE SECTOR						
-KWT INSURANCE	0.730	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-GULF INSURANCE	0.370	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-AHLIA INS. CO.	0.580	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-WARBA INS. CO.	0.450	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
REAL EST SECTOR						
-KWT R. EST. CO.	0.234	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-UNI R. EST. CO.	0.102	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KAT R. EST. CO.	0.204	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-SALHIYAH R.E.	0.080	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT PROJECTS	0.091	0.090	0.090	0.090	240000	5
-KWT R.E.I.COM	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRY SECTOR						
-KAT IND. CO.	0.540	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT M.P. IND.	0.300	0.300	0.300	0.300	100000	1
-KWT CEMENT CO.	0.255	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-REF. IND. CO.	0.415	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-H.A.M.T. CO.	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-GULF CABLE	1.100	1.100	1.100	1.100	5000	1
-K.P.W. IND. CO.	0.210	0.210	0.210	0.210	40000	1
-KOW. MARINE	0.350	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.SH. RES. CO.	0.044	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SERVICES SECTOR						
-OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-K.N.C. CO.	0.190	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT HOTELS CO.	0.170	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-P.WAREHOUSING	0.166	0.162	0.164	0.162	300000	10
-COM.MKT.CMPX.	0.018	0.018	0.018	0.018	320000	4
-MOBILE TELE.	0.370	0.365	0.365	0.365	10000	1
-KWT COMPUTER	0.178	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
FOOD SECTOR						
-LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.230	0.228	0.228	0.228	160000	4
-UNITD FISHERIES	0.154	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-UNITD POULTRY	0.226	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-KWT FOODS	0.310	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-AGRI.FOOD PRD.	0.150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
NON-KWT SECTOR						
-BINH.INTER.BK	0.068	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-BINH.N.EAST.BK	0.066	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-UNITD GULF BK	0.020	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-CAGST INVEST.	0.108	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-A.G. INV. CORP.	0.035	0.035	0.035	0.035	800000	1
-FIRST GULF BK	0.620	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
-R.K.I.G.	0.071	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

FINANCIAL SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
PEARL INV.CO.	0.098	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INV.CO.	0.041	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF INTL INS	0.009	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
ARAB INT CO.	0.055	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
SHARJAH INS	0.000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
GULF UNION INS	0.070	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR						
B-GULF MEDICAL	0.029	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B-R.K.M.WITE CNT	0.023	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B-GULF CEMENT	0.007	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
E-FUAIHAIN CEMT	0.008	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B-GULF CEMENT	0.016	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
B-GULF ALUMINA	0.070	0.021	0.021	0.021	80000	-----

STOCK	LAST	PR-CLSE	DE BUEHR Y	1180	1200
BARR HDS	1300	12875	DE BUEHR N	303	30305
BALDWIN PS	2215	2215	DE BUEHR P	290.00	285.00
BBC I A	2455	2455	ROCHE	1275	1275
BK LEU I	3090	3075	ROCKE I	1000	1000
BK LEU N	2760	2650	RUECKVEN I	12950	12850
BK LEU PS	422	423	RUECKVEN H	6175	6125
CPV	1150	1160	RUECKVEN P	1910	1890
CIB GEIG I	3405	3400	RY TR BK	0	1190
CIB GEIG N	1690	1680	S BAKGSL I	3265	3260
CIB GEIG P	2260	2280	S BAKGSL H	594	589
CKA	1250	1265	S BAKGSL P	114.50	115.50
CRED SU I	2182	2050	S BUCKV N	378	373
CRED SU H	492	485	S BUCKV N H	287.00	286.00
EX LAUFEN	1775	1775	S BUCKV N P	59	50
ELEKTROMAT	2780	2775	SANDOZ I	12375	12375
EMS CHEN I	3690	3700	SANDOZ N	5750	5700
GLOBUS I	0	7325	SANDOZ PS	1970	1960
GLOBUS N	6400	6400	SULZER H	4925	4925
GLOBUS PS	1195	1195	SULZER PS	687	682
JACOBS S I	7680	7660	SVB	1680	1675
JACOBS S H	1355	1360	SWISSAIR	1170	1160
JACOBS S P	635	635	SWISSAIR N	1000	1010
JELLI	2740	2750	W THUR I	5550	5550
LANDIS N	370	375	W THUR N	2775	2755
LANDIS PS	1340	1330	W THUR P	709	709
MERCK I	805	810	ZURICH I	5750	5675
			ZURICH N	2750	2725
			ZURICH PS	1910	1915

**KUWAIT, Oct. 5, (Reuters)**—Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firmed today in active trading as banks sold dinars for dollars, tightening liquidity.

The dinar again slipped against the dollar in line with a six-month-old trend. The Central Bank dinar exchange rate declined to 0.28888/98 to the dollar from Tuesday's 0.28872/2, while commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.28895/00.

month at seven, 6-3/4 per cent and six-month at seven, 6-5/8 per cent.

Meanwhile, Saudi rial interbank deposits firmed 1/8 point in moderate trade as declining oil prices prompted strong speculation of a rial devaluation by end-1988.

Dealers reported business to one to six-month deposits as traders borrowed long-term maturities to swap into dollars in anticipation of the move, which

The Central Bank allotted a 70 million tional issue (\$242 million) of three-month treasury bills at an average discount yield of 5.42 per cent, but dealers said there was little impact on rates because it merely rolled over an existing issue for the same amount that matured today.

One and two-month money was about 1/8 firmer at 7-1/2, 1 1/4 per cent for the one-month, which traded at 7-1/4 per cent, and 7-1/4, 6-3/4 per cent for the two-month.

Other periods were quiet and little changed with the three-

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.28833	0.28952
Sterling	0.4870	0.49150
D. mark	0.15420	0.15580
S. franc	0.18150	0.1830
F. franc	0.04530	0.04560
It. lire	0.00207	0.00208
Jap. yen	0.002153	0.002170
Bah. dinar	0.7670	0.7690
UAE Dh.	0.07850	0.0788
S. riyal	0.0769	0.0772
Q. riyal	0.0792	0.0795

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8.30 to 12 noon; 4.30 to 7.30 pm	
Indian Rupees	19.828
Pakistan Rupees	15.792
Sri Lankan Rupees	8.782
Philippine Pesos	13.613
US dollars	289.54
sterling Pounds	491.51
Dhrow Money Market Fund	Bed USD 13.01
	Offer USD 13.04
The Islamic Fund	Bed USD 5.50
	Offer USD 5.80
Golden Investors	KWD 5.125% USD 7.25% GBP 10.75% AUD 11.125%

**LONDON, Oct. 5.** (Reuters): Britain's watchdog Office of Fair Trading (OFT) said today it was ordering an investigation into allegations of petrol price-fixing by major oil companies.

OFT director-general Sir Gordon Borrie said he was seeking the probe following a critical parliamentary report in July, which accused big oil firms of colluding to keep prices high at British filling stations despite falling world oil prices.

**Practices**  
"The Mpoopolies and Mergers Commission would be looking to see whether any practices should be outlawed ... I think the investigation is very likely to be very wide-ranging," she added.

The parliamentary committee said it was not satisfied market forces were operating properly in petrol retailing, but said it found no evidence of a formal cartel. The MMC has carried out two previous investigations into petrol pricing, in 1965 and 1979.

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## Retreat in oil prices slows

## Dollar generally higher and gold sinks

LONDON, Oct. 5. (Reuters): The US dollar rose against most currencies in lacklustre European trading today. Gold prices were lower.

Foreign exchange dealers said that in the absence of any fresh economic news, technical factors continued to drive the market.

Volume continued to be sluggish with fear of Central Bank intervention continuing to limit a strong rise in the dollar but market sentiment remained opposed to an aggressive sell-off, dealer said.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before Europe's business day begins, the dollar rose 0.33 yen to a closing 133.48 yen from yesterday's 133.15 yen. Later, in London, it was quoted at a higher rate of 133.65 yen.

**Cost**  
In London, the dollar fell against the British pound. It cost \$1.6955 to buy one pound, more expensive than \$1.6945 late yesterday.

Gold fell in London to a late bid of \$396.00 a troy ounce, compared with late yesterday's \$397.45.

In Zurich, gold was lower, closing at a bid \$395.40 compared with \$396.90 late yesterday.

Earlier, in Hong Kong, gold fell \$1.77 to close at a bid \$400.46.

Silver bullion prices fell on the

London market where the metal was trading at a late bid price of \$6.19 a troy ounce, compared with yesterday's \$6.23.

European crude oil traders said they thought new falls of 40 cents a barrel in earlier Asian trading were overdue.

Typical North Sea Brent blend crude was quoted in Tokyo around \$11.35 a barrel for loading in December, the most actively traded month.

**Output**  
But the Europeans later talked about \$11.50.

Reacting to reports of further violations by OPEC members of their assigned output quotas, Indonesia said today an emergency meeting of the group was needed. This helped prices.

But they remain around \$2 down from early last week and at their lowest since the summer of 1986.

In currencies, dealers said the dollar was idling around 1.8650 West German marks, ahead of Friday US jobless figures due on September 5.

A strong gain in the number of people with jobs could signal that the US economy is at risk of overheating, so that higher interest rates may yet be needed to pinch off American inflation despite the weakness in oil prices.

Higher US interest rates would make many dollar assets a good buy.

In London shares were firm but off their highs by late afternoon. Dealers said the recent buildup of speculative activity along with shortages of stock had helped squeeze the market higher although another setback on Wall Street and profit-taking brought prices back from the top.

Dealers said it appeared the institutions were trickling cash back into the share market, picking up stock where it looked cheap after the declines of recent weeks.

By 1503 GMT the FTSE 100 was up 15.3 points to 1,822.6, after a high on the day of 1,827.9, just before the Wall Street opening. Dealers reported higher volume than of late.

**Sentiment**  
Dealers said some of the market's higher sentiment arose from hopes that the next set of UK balance of payments figures will show that recent rises in base landing rates have had the desired effect of dampening down consumer demand.

Grand Metropolitan, however, lagged back from the general market's advance as investors remained mindful that the company is planning a \$479 million rights issue to help fund its \$5.2 billion bid for Pillsbury of the US.

Part of yesterday's decline was pinned to disappointment that

Grand Met's bid cash is going abroad rather than being spent on previously rumoured targets Cadbury and Ranks Hovis.

Cadbury-Schweppes shares were up 1p to 377 but had touched a high today of 383 on talk of a merger with Scottish and Newcastle, up 2p to 125. Analysts, however, were sceptical of the talk and suggested fresh bid speculation was purely stimulated by the Grand Met bid for Pillsbury.

Ranks Hovis McDougall shares were 4p higher at 381. Even though Grand Met is no longer seen as a potential bidder for RHM much speculation surrounds Goodman Fielder Wattle's near 30 per cent stake in the food manufacturer, dealers said.

**Active**  
Racal was active and up 12p to 305 on turnover of 10 million on renewed interest in the shares ahead of the mid-October sale of part of its Racal Telecommunications Group.

BP shares were up 2p to 239, showing a muted response, along with most of the oil majors, to the continuing declines in crude oil prices. Shell was down a modest 1p to 962.

Although there is some concern over Kuwait's likely action following Britain's demand that it more than halve its BP stake, most traders do not expect Kuwait will radically reduce its level of UK investment. There has been talk that Kuwait would express its dissatisfaction by disinvestment from the UK.

**Surprise**  
Some dealers expressed surprise that the slump in crude oil prices has had only a minimal impact on share prices. A steep fall could markedly cut Britain's exports and well the balance of payments deficit.

Alarm at Britain's huge current account deficit was partly the cause of recent stock market declines, dealers noted.

Sears was second in the active list with a turnover of 11.4 million shares. The shares rose 4p to 134 as talk persists that another party is building a stake in the firm. Sears yesterday said half year pre-tax profit rose to £102 million from £93 million.

**Strong**  
The building materials sector was strong with cement maker Blue Circle up 5p to 457 and English China Clays 11p ahead at 509. Dealers reported that a major broker had recommended the sector and said that part of the rise in English China Clays could be attributed to renewed bid speculation.

## Few signs of cheaper petrol despite plunging oil prices

LONDON, Oct. 5. (Reuters): Crude oil prices have been sliding but there are few signs that petrol will cost less at the pump in many consumer nations, for the time being at least.

Industry analysts polled by Reuters did think, however, that winter home heating bills might fall in some regions. Industry could also anticipate lower energy costs if crude prices stayed down.

Fergus MacLeod of London brokerage Barclays de Zoete Wedd said that tax, not the price of crude, accounts for a big percentage of what consumers of refined oil products pay in many nations outside the United States.

**Prices**  
"The feed down from crude oil prices to the consumer is particularly muted because the tax component is so large, especially at the petrol pump," he said.

Even so, concern that inflation might be on the rise in the West has eased as crude oil prices have fallen in recent months.

Lower crude prices generally boost the international economy by reducing inflation and stimulating economic growth but cause difficulties for countries dependent on oil as an export earner, an International Energy Agency official in Paris said.

Analysts said weak crude prices take time to show up in the "downstream" end of the business.

"Crude oil loaded now in the

Middle East will arrive here four weeks later, and you have to wait another three or four weeks to see 'oil refined and on the market,'" said a Japanese refinery spokesman.

"Oil companies quickly raise prices when oil becomes expensive but they are very slow to bring them down when the cost of oil falls," a spokesman for Britain's Automobile Association said.

"We will try to keep (petrol) prices as they are," said a spokesman for the Shell oil group. British Petroleum spokesman said prices were already going down at the pump, but gradually.

The British government said today oil companies' methods of calculating petrol prices are to be investigated by its watchdog Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Oil analysts said that when crude oil moves by \$1 a barrel then petrol in Britain moves broadly by about 1.5 pence (2.5 cents) a gallon.

Britain's government takes about 68 per cent of £1.75 (\$2.96) charged for an imperial gallon of petrol in tax.

Japanese industry sources said motorists there would not immediately benefit from falling oil prices unless the cost of a barrel of oil stayed weak for two months or so.

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## UK keen to retain economic interest in Kuwait

LONDON, Oct. 5. (KUNA): Amidst growing embarrassment, the British government is seeking to contain the political and diplomatic repercussions of the British Trade Ministry's decision yesterday to lower the Kuwait Investment Office's share in British Petroleum.

The decision was widely covered by the British mass media and highlighted in all dailies with detailed commentaries on its importance and its serious effect on the British-Kuwaiti relations.

British newspapers described the decision as the most severe and obstinate measure ever taken by the Conservative London government against foreign investment in the United Kingdom.

**Intervention**

One commentary called the decision a "strong blow" to the concept of free trade. It also stressed the importance of non-governmental intervention in international commercial operations, particularly since the UK is one of the biggest investment countries in the world. British investments in the US alone are estimated at about \$35 billion.

Officials in the British Foreign Office admit that the decision by Trade Secretary Lord Young, at

the recommendation of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC), will lead to tension in British-Kuwaiti relations. They noted that British Ambassador to Kuwait Peter Hinchcliffe rushed to the Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry to try to belittle the effects of the decision.

**Decision**  
An official in the Foreign Office here said that Hinchcliffe sought to assure Kuwaiti Foreign Ministry officials that the decision was "technical and not political, and should not affect the excellent relations between the two countries."

The British officials repeatedly affirmed their country's keenness to retain its economic and political interest in Kuwait.

Reports here indicate that British Foreign Secretary Geoffrey Howe will visit Kuwait early next year, probably in January, to assure Kuwaiti officials of London's commitment to maintain good political relations with Kuwait, in spite of the decision.

Observers here fear that the KIO might withdraw its assets and investments from Britain, and transfer them to New York.

They also fear Kuwait will not buy arms from Britain at a time

when defence ministry officials are trying to convince Kuwait to purchase Tornado warplanes and other weapons. The equipment was offered to Kuwait by Defence Minister George Young during his visit to the Gulf country last June.

**Shares**  
Commentators here recalled that Kuwait's purchase of BP shares helped save the government's BP share offering last October at a time when international stock exchange markets witnessed their worst collapse in years.

Investors, refrained from buying the BP shares following the international plunge in share prices. The British government was worried, but things changed when the KIO started buying shares.

**Readiness**  
Trade Secretary Lord Young said yesterday that the intervention against the investment office was because Kuwait as a main member in OPEC might affect BP activities, particularly since Britain is not a member of the organisation.

Meanwhile, British officials expressed readiness to meet with KIO officials to guarantee a smooth selling of more than half

of the office's BP shares.

Observers expected the British government to approve any Kuwaiti request to extend the one-year deadline included in the decision to force KIO to get rid of the excess Kuwaiti shares.

The decision yesterday led to severe decline in the BP shares' value in the stock market here. Fears are escalating that the trend might continue and adversely affect the British economy and shake the confidence in London's status as an open international market for all investments.

**Legality**

Observers also expect the KIO to challenge the legality of the decision. Newspapers here gave prominence to what they described as Kuwait's angry reaction.

A KIO lawyer told the press that the office was "extremely dissatisfied" with the decision and did not expect it at all.

The opposition Labour Party said the "hypocritical" decision revealed the Conservative government's confused policy toward foreign investment.

Ziad Taqi, head of the economic department at the National Bank of Kuwait said: "It's a bad and annoying decision."

He argued that if Britain wan-

ted to remain a free market economy which attracts both private and government institutions "it should not have dealt such a blow to Kuwait."

Taqi said the British government should have stepped in earlier to express its opposition to the KIO move since Kuwait had purchased the BP stake piecemeal.

Taqi said that KIO's purchase helped prevent a drastic decline in the price of BP shares last October and November.

"I think the British decision will prompt the (Kuwaiti) government to reconsider its investment in Britain," he said.

**Unjustified**

Another prominent Kuwaiti economist, who heads the economic research department at a leading investment company, called the British decision "an unjustified political one that should be met by a political decision from the Kuwaiti government."

The economist, who asked that his name not be used, predicted that Kuwait would reconsider its investment strategy by spreading investments on a wider geographical area and shifting to new areas, such as Portugal and the Pacific.

## Kuwait and Cyprus to step up trade ties

KUWAIT and Cyprus today discussed increasing commercial and economic ties, and clearing problems facing Kuwaiti investors in Cyprus.

During a meeting with Cypriot Minister of Communications and Works Nakos Protopapas, Kuwaiti Finance Minister Jasssem Al Khorafi stressed the need to tackle complaints of Kuwaiti investors, mainly in the real estate market.

**Problems**  
Khorafi told the Cypriot minister that expediency in resolving problems would encourage Kuwaiti private investments in Cyprus.

In another meeting today Protopapas and Minister of Communications Abdullah Al Sharhan discussed improving telecommunications and transport co-operation.

As spokesman for the Ministry of Communications said the two ministers also discussed co-ordination of stances at international forums.

## UAE may bring in bank licence fees

DUBAI, Oct. 5. (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Central Bank said it will probably introduce licence and registration fees for banks, financial institutions, and foreign exchange houses sometime next year.

Bank Governor Abdul Malik Al Hamar was quoted by the local Gulf newspaper today as saying the idea was to charge fees against the services of the Central Bank, just like in many other countries.

The fees, amounting to several thousands of dollars depending on the institution, are relatively small but the bank's attempt to impose them last June was met by strong objections from the UAE's many institutions, bankers said.

## UAE calls for strict adherence to UN charter

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 5. (OPECNA): The United Arab Emirates has called on all countries to adhere to the charter of economic rights and duties of states and to refrain from using commercial restrictions, blockades or sanctions as political tools.

"Improvements in international relations on a political level have not been reflected in the state of the international economy," Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid Abdullah Al Nuaimi told the General Assembly last night.

He said serious economic structural imbalances persisted, stressing that "it is impossible to enhance international détente without consolidating its economic foundations."

**Flexible**  
The minister pointed out that it also required the adoption of more flexible policies by the advanced countries, as well as the introduction of structural reforms in the system of international economic relations.

Al Nuaimi underscored the importance of strengthening the role of the United Nations as the main forum for dialogue and negotiations in respect of inter-

national co-operation for development.

Libya warned the General Assembly yesterday that the deteriorating international economic situation could threaten international peace and security.

"The crisis is mainly due to the imbalance inherent in the existing economic order," head of the Libyan delegation Jadullah Aziz Talhi said.

Developing countries, he said, were convinced that their economic and social development could not be attained under the old order and were determined to change it.

They had made strenuous efforts to bring about changes since the late 1960s, but their hopes had not been realised due to the failure of the developed countries to honour their commitments to development assistance, he said.

Talhi told developing countries that they should not be overly optimistic about the outcome of any North-South dialogue. Instead, he said, they should begin laying a sound foundation of co-operation among themselves, to be able to join any talks from a position of strength.

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Figures from the Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) confirmed that the market is awash with oil following output quota violations by OPEC sellers.

Non-communist world supply in the July-September quarter of 1988 reached 50.6 million barrels daily, the highest since the first quarter of 1980, the IEA said in a monthly report.

It also said OPEC output rose to 20 million barrels daily in September. "It should be about 17.75 million if all organisation members were abiding by mandated output quotas."

"Personally I feel that an emergency (OPEC) conference is needed to correct the present situation," Oil Minister Ginanjar Kartasasmita of Indonesia said in Jakarta.

**Strategy**

Planned talks this month by OPEC's ministerial strategy and price committees should prepare for the talks, he said. OPEC has scheduled a routine full conference, but not until November 21.

Norway, not an OPEC member, threatened today to scrap curbs on its production if, after November, OPEC fails to restore output discipline.

"OPEC appears to have major problems in carrying out the policy it adopted," Norway's Oil Minister, Arne Oeien, told Reuters. He said Norwegian output curbs depended on OPEC action to bring the market under control.

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**Accords**

The dailies were commenting on a statement by the cabinet on Monday which said the kingdom had done enough to support OPEC accords.

The statement said Riyadh had lost more than \$109 billion by accepting cuts in its production from 10 million barrels per day (BPD) to its current 4.3 million BPD quota.

Oil industry observers said the cabinet report was a clear message to the other 12 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to either stick to the 1986 production quotas or watch the market slide.

"The kingdom is prepared to do anything to do what the others are doing ... but the kingdom will never take rash decisions," al Jazeera added.

Industry estimates show that OPEC produced more than five million BPD above its 15.06 million BPD quota in September.

Saudi Arabia's output reached 5.7 million BPD in the last week of the month.

Al Jazeera said there was still time to salvage the current situation within OPEC and the world oil market.

**Sudan gets \$94m from ADB**

KHARTOUM, Oct. 5. (Reuters): The African Development Bank (ADB) has granted Sudan a \$94 million loan on easy terms to help in economic reconstruction following devastating floods, a senior Sudanese official said today.

Mohammed El Zubeir, director of loans and technical assistance in the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning, told Reuters the soft loan agreement was signed in September.

The board of directors of the Ahdjan-based ADB have still to approve the loan, but Zube







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Tele. Mr. Ayub, 2441779, 2436794.  
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**SALMIYA.** near the Indian School, 2 bedroom CAC apartment. Rent KD185 with water. Tele. 5616679.  
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**SHAMIYA.** Room with separate bathroom and kitchen for one lady to share with another lady. Tele. 2404971, 8 am - 1 pm.  
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**FARWANIYA** behind the Holiday Inn. Accommodation for one or two Goan bachelors to share a 2-bedroom flat with a small Goan Christian family, from November. Tele. Mr. Moees Menezes, 2454266.  
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## FOR SALE

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**OLDSMOBILE** Delta '88 model, white, low mileage with AC, well maintained and in very good condition. KD1150. Tele. 5654538, 1-3.30 pm, 8.30-11.30 pm, Thursday, Friday all day.  
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**MAZDA 929.** 1984, purchased in 1985, 5 speed, manual gear with power windows, lock, mirrors, new tyres and many other options. Fully insured, in superb condition. KD1,400. Tele. 3919903.  
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**MITSUBISHI GLT '84** model, fully automatic, with AC, 55,000 kms, one owner in excellent condition. KD850. Tele. 5655370.  
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**MITSUBISHI Colt GLX** 1983 automatic, with 4 doors in very good condition. Owner leaving Kuwait. KD450. Tele. 2623953 after 6 pm, all day Friday.  
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**PAJERO SWB '83** model, green, power steering, with AC, white rally wheels, engine overhauled by agent in superb condition. KD1750, ono. Tele. 3920784.  
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**PAJERO** Jeep 1984, 92,000 kms with soft top, is in need of some repair. KD375. Tele. Mrs. Pankhurst, 484324, 4849097, 8 am - 4 pm.  
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**MERCEDES 280E** 1980, full options, automatic with AC, FM/AM, cassette and sunroof. In excellent condition. KD1400. Tele. 2515207.  
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**CHRYSLER** Fifth Avenue, 1984 model, black, red interior, low mileage with AC and radio cassette player in very good condition. Best offer over KD1,300. Tele. 5654538, 1-3.30 pm, 8.30-11.30 pm, Thursday, Friday all day.  
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**RENAULT 5.** 1986 model, fully automatic, with AC, 4 doors, without any accident. 39,000 kms, owned by VIP. KD3,000. Tele. 2407206, 2407207, 9.30 am - 1 pm.  
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**BMW 316.** 1982 model, AC, automatic, sunroof, dark blue in very good condition. KD1100 cash ono. Tele. Mr. Abbas, 3982323, after 4 pm, Sat - Wed.  
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**FIAT UNO Turbo.** 1987 model, injection, 100,000 kms metallic grey colour, as new. Best offer over KD 2000. Tele. 4837623, 8 am - 1 pm, 4-7 pm.  
(AT5-44246-3)

**MERCEDES 280S** 1979 model, automatic, with AC, sunroof, radio cassette stereo player in excellent condition. Any offer over KD1,000. Tele. 5654538, 1-3.30 pm, 8.30-11.30 pm, Thursday, Friday all day.  
(AT6-44262-3)

**BUICK Riviera** 1983 model, 44,000 kms, blue, in very good condition. KD 1,550. Tele. Mr. Khader, 5734092, after 1 pm.  
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**OLDSMOBILE** Cutlass (Supreme) 1982, beige colour, with 2 doors, in excellent condition. Tele. 5757690, 5-10 pm.  
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### Wanted

**STATION-WAGON** Peugeot 505 car, automatic gear, model 88 or 87 in good condition. Tele. Mr. Ahmed 2658137.  
(AT6-44258-3)

## Electrical Appliances

**YANMAR** diesel generator with half trolley, 8000 watts, in excellent condition. Tele. Mr. Ahmed 2445525, after 5 pm.  
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**JVC** compact video camera, model GFC-7 for immediate sale. Tele. Francis D'Souza 4839187 off. 2649354 res.  
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## Computers

**COMMODORE** 64/128, computer, Commodore monitor, 1571 disk drive, tape player and software for sale. Tele. 2455455 ext. 4815 before 3 pm, 2406312 after 3 pm.  
(AT6-44255-3)

**APPLE II +** compatible computer 64K bite/disk drive/TV interface (Epson R x 80 f) printer & interface/some software/Joystick/tablet, all at attractive prices. Please tele. Khalid/Shaukat, 2421075.  
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## Miscellaneous

**FINTAS.** 2 bedrooms flat with swimming pool, including brand new Ikea furniture for sale. Price KD500. Rent KD300. Tele. Mr. Nadir, 2523462 after 4 pm.  
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**IDENTITY** card, driving licence, and a cheque in the name of Ashraf Ar Rahma Khan. Finder please tele. 4731585.  
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## PETS

**HIMALAYAN** Persian kittens seal point, male, registration papers available for sale, KD 120. Tele. 5315604.  
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**MUSLIM** maid required for a British lady with a baby full/part-time. Residence available if required. Salary depends upon experience. Tele. 2511093.  
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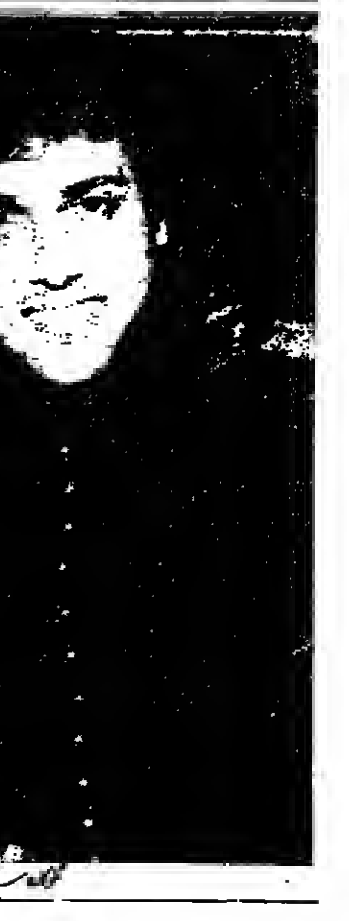
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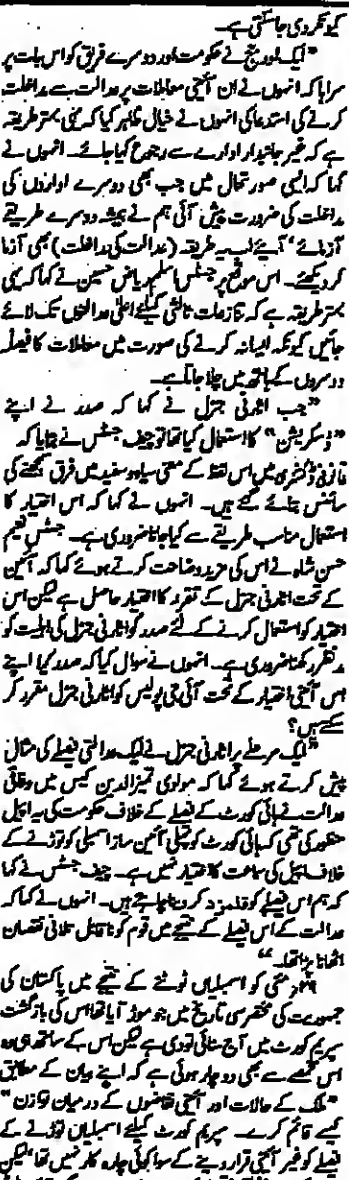




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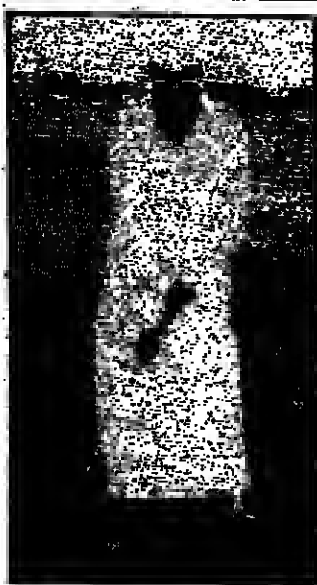
## Al Shaheen opens new golf season

MOHAMMAD MAJID Al Shaheen opened the 1989 golf season at the Hunting and Equestrian club on Friday. Al Shaheen, a strong supporter of golf in Kuwait, drove the first ball to start the October medal competition, which has been dedicated in memory of the late Captain V.J. Pearce, a long time member and founder of the Hunting and Equestrian golf club, who passed away last month playing golf in the South of France.

Sixty golfers turned out to contest the new course layout with a new par of 71. While weather conditions were almost ideal, few players were able to tame the new course and score below par. The winners were:

**Gross:**  
In A-division, Stephen Watters (10) with net 66, won on a count back from Adnan Assaf (7) also with 66. Adnan also was credited with 73, the best gross of the day, which is a new course record. Crowning his excellent performance on this day, Adnan won the longest drive for men by a long margin with a 300-yard drive on the 16th.

In B-division the winner



Al Shaheen: about to drive the first ball

was H.S. Lee (23) with net 68 from S.D. So and Ken Cook.

In C-division the winner was Y.H. Kim (26) with net 68 from Yahia Bakir.

In side competition the longest drive for ladies was won by newcomer Jill Raper and A.B. Jolly was winner of nearest to the pin contest on the short 13th.

At the conclusion of the competition Al Shaheen presented prizes to the winners and announced that the Hunting and Equestrian club will sponsor this medal competition every year as the "Captain Pearce Medal".

## WORLD CHAMPION EVALUATED BY ANOTHER PSYCHIATRIST

# Tyson not manic-depressive

NEW YORK, Oct. 5. (AP): Undisputed heavyweight champion Mike Tyson is not, and has never been, a manic-depressive, a psychiatrist said after examining the fighter yesterday.

Dr. Abraham Halpern, the chairman of the psychiatry department of United Hospital at Port Chester, New York, said Tyson "showed no signs of abnormality. He had no delusional ideas."

Tyson has been besieged by personal problems since knocking out Michael Spinks in his last title defense in June.

### Denied

After an auto accident last month at Catskill, New York, Tyson was evaluated by psychiatrist Dr. Henry McCurtis at the urging of the fighter's actress wife, Robin Givens, and mother-in-law, Ruth Roper.

McCurtis reportedly diagnosed Tyson as a manic-depressive and reportedly prescribed lithium carbonate.

Halpern said yesterday that he had spoken to McCurtis, who denied making that diagnosis.

"Dr. McCurtis used the expression 'mood regulatory problems. There's something in that,'" Halpern said, describing the fighter's frame of mind as "most of the time within the range of normal. He's under

more pressure than most of us," Halpern examined Tyson about midway yesterday.

Halpern said the best thing for Tyson would be to get back into the ring.

Halpern's examination came at the urging of Bill Cayton, Tyson's estranged manager. Tyson and Cayton met at the manager's Manhattan office on Monday, and Tyson then accompanied former welterweight champion Mark Breland to Breland's Long Island training camp.

Tyson and Cayton feuded over Cayton's percentage of the prize money from the Spinks fight and Tyson went to court in an effort to break their contract.

"When he got here he came bounding up the stairs and gave me a really big hug," Cayton said. "It was like old times. Mike is going to be OK."

Tyson is hoping to start training in preparation for a scheduled December fight against Frank Bruno in London's Wembley stadium. The bout has already been postponed twice.

"Mike said he's looking forward to getting back into training," Cayton said. "He wants to get on with the Bruno fight."

Tyson, 22, seemed to have everything going for him after his



Mike Tyson

first-round knockout of Spinks, but had had little to cheer about since.

The latest incident was a heated argument Sunday morning with Givens in the couple's mansion at Bernardville, New Jersey.

Tyson reportedly hurled a sugar bowl and chairs through windows during a fit of anger apparently sparked by interviews given to Barbara Wal-

ters by Givens and Roper on US television network ABC's "20-20" programme.

Police said they handled the incident involving Tyson and Givens as they would any other case involving domestic violence and, as far as they are concerned, the matter is closed.

"This is a domestic violence incident not unlike many others, except for the fact that it involves a public figure," Bernardville police chief Thomas J. Sciarretta said during a news conference Monday.

### Hurt

Sciarretta, revealing few details, said no one was injured or arrested and that Givens did not wait to sign a domestic violence complaint.

"As far as we're concerned, it's over," he said. "Once the victim decides not to sign a complaint, then that relieves us of the responsibility."

Tyson "has done nothing wrong. It's his home," Sciarretta said. "He's entitled to do anything he pleases provided no one is injured."

Tyson, who married Givens eight months ago, told the New York Daily News, "I'm hurt because I'm in love," but added that he is in no hurry to see Givens, currently filming in California.

## Lyle blasts organisers in support of Sluman

WENTWORTH, England, Oct. 5. (Reuters): US Masters champion Sandy Lyle of Britain ensured yesterday that the 25th World Matchplay Golf Championship will get off to a controversial start by roundly criticising the organisers for their seedings.

After officials announced that US PGA champion Jeff Sluman lost out to Briton Nick Faldo for the number four seeded position in the prestigious 12-man event which begins tomorrow, Lyle quickly took up Sluman's cause.

"It is degrading for the PGA champion of the USA not to be seeded this week," Lyle said. "I am surprised they have done it and given it to Nick Faldo. Sluman deserved to be seeded for what he has done."

### Slighted

To be seeded among the top four means a first round bye into the quarterfinals, and Sluman was not overly pleased to be slighted.

"I also thought the major championship winners would be seeded," he said. "It means now that to win the tournament I have got to play 144 holes instead of 108 like the top seeds."

"It's a nice thing for Sandy to do, but there's no point in getting hot under the collar about it." The 31-year-old American,

who produced a dazzling final round of 65 to capture his first major title at the Oak Tree course in Edmond, Oklahoma, in August, is seeded fifth, but that does not spare him an opening 36-hole encounter tomorrow against unheralded Japanese Nobuo Serizawa.

If he wins, he will tangle with defending champion Ian Woosnam of Britain, the top seed and winner of three events in Europe in the last four months.

Officials defended their selection by saying that Faldo, the 1987 British Open champion, was much higher in the world rankings than Sluman. Faldo is ranked fourth, Sluman 36th.

They will also not be pleased at Lyle's outburst. He was, in effect, criticizing the international management group, who organize the tournament and who also run Lyle's affairs.

There was, in addition, an ironic tinge to Lyle's comments. He declined to play in the USA PGA event this year and incurred a lot of criticism for not even attempting to add that second major title to his US Masters crown.

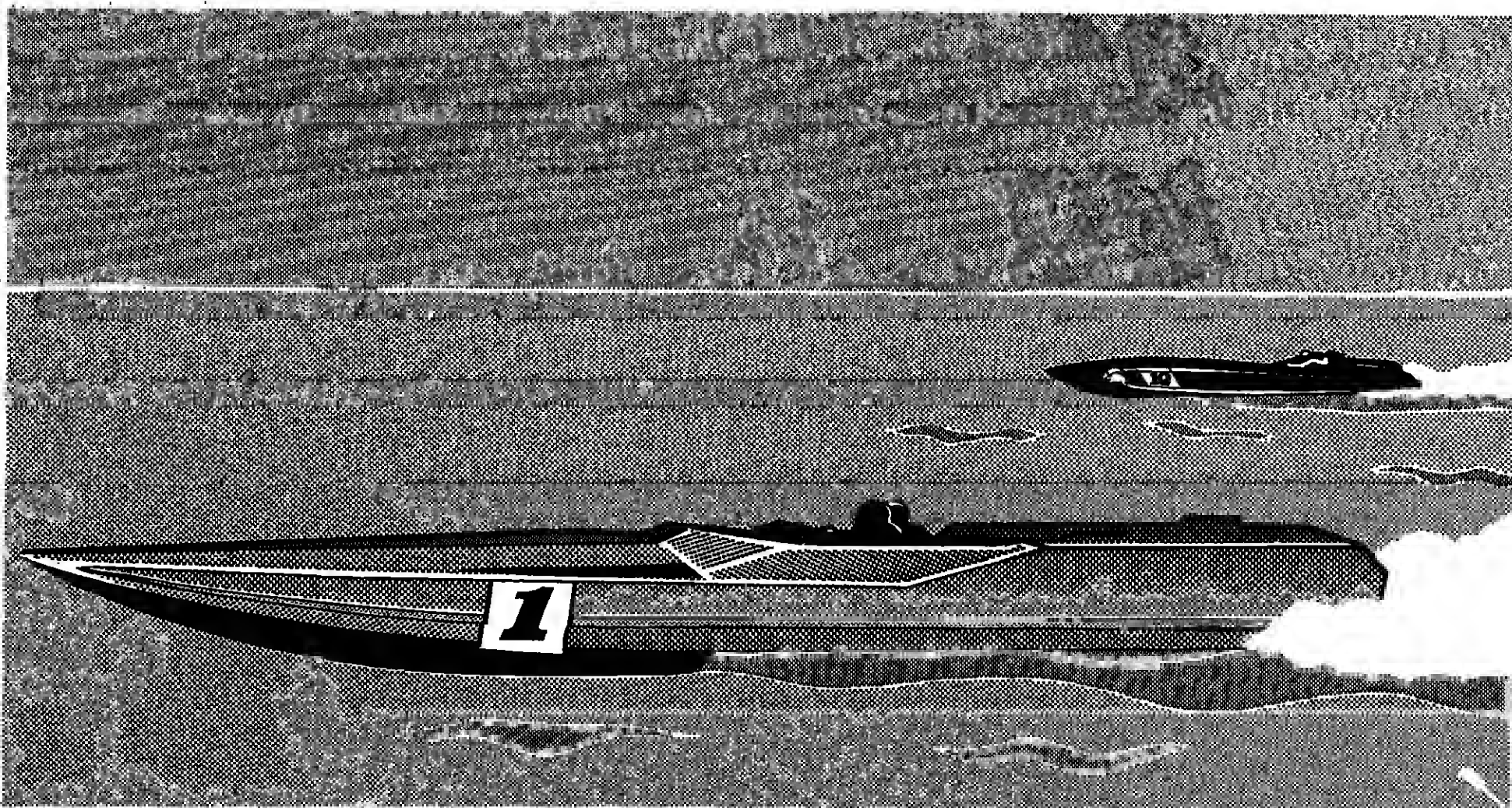
Lyle, meanwhile, has more to prove than anyone else this week as he attempts to capture the title for the first time after finishing runner-up four times, including the last two years.



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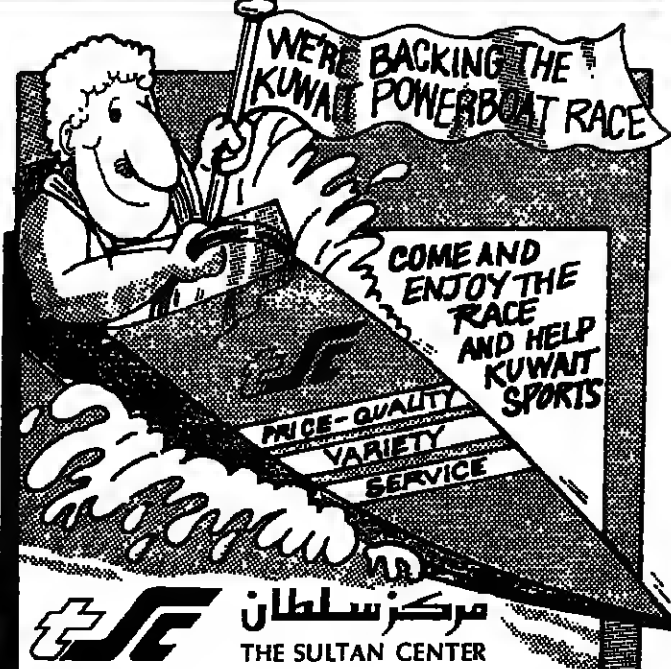
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## SPORTS BRIEFS

## YMCA Trophy

ZARQA Cricket Club scored a 134-run victory over Cyclones Cricket Club in a YMCA Trophy match earlier this week. Zarqa scored 237 for two while Cyclones were all out for 103. Shahid Butt hit an unbeaten 117 for Zarqa while Pervaiz scored 87. Mukesh took five Cyclones wickets for 18 and Naem Iqbal two for 17. Tomorrow Capri meet Lanka Lions at 8.45 am while Cyclones take on Deccan Blues at 12.45 pm.

## Falcon win

FALCON beat Lanka Colts by 85 runs recently in a Brud Trophy match at the EPI ground. Falcon scored 169 while Lanka Colts could manage only 84. For Falcon, Mushtaq scored 40, Zahid Butt 39 and Amin and Ayub 25 each.

## Skylark triumph

SKYLARK Cricket Club reached the semifinals of the India Tea Board Trophy match with a 16-run victory over Lanka Lions Cricket Club. Skylark scored 136 for nine while Lanka Lions replied with 122 for seven.

## Millat tourney

THE Quaid-e-Millat Cricket Tournament will start tomorrow at 7.00 am at the Airport-Millat ground with a match between Galaxy and Punjab, Farwania. Also tomorrow Friends meet Zarqa at the same ground at 1.00 pm.

## Hockey season

KUWAIT's hockey season started this week with the Monteiro Cup. In the opening matches Unity beat Al Hilal 3-1, XI Brothers defeated Kuwait Independent Black 3-1. Flying Arrows outplayed Punjab 3-0 and Kuwait Independent Gold overcame Cosmos 3-1. Tomorrow Punjab meet Cosmos, and Flying Arrows face Kuwait Independent Gold at 3.00 pm while Unity meet Kuwait Independent Black and Al Hilal take on XI Brothers at 4.00 pm.

## Incredible

INCREDIBLE reached the semifinals of the Rothmans Gold Cup with a 2-1 victory over Goa Maroons at the Soor grounds earlier this week. Tomorrow Rising Stars play UG Strikers, Salce United meet Santos and BOC face Goa Sporting.

## Kasparov

REYKJAVIK, Oct 5, (Reuters): Soviet World champion Garry Kasparov shared the lead with Soviet grandmaster Alexander Belajevsky and Yugoslav Predrag Nikolic after two rounds of the third World Cup Grand Prix tournament being played in Iceland.

## Women's tennis

NEW ORLEANS, Oct 5, (Reuters): Second seed Barbara Potter changed her shirt on court but never her attacking strategy and beat fellow American Ann Grossman 6-3 6-1 yesterday at the \$250,000 New Orleans women's tennis tournament.

## Gilbert beaten

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Oct 5, (Reuters): American Brad Gilbert, fresh from winning an Olympic bronze medal, was beaten in the first round of the Scottsdale Grand Prix tennis tournament yesterday by American qualifier Glenn Layendecker 6-3 5-6-4.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Regency Palace Ladies Bridge Club game held yesterday:

1. Blasca Mousalli & Rita Camacci
2. Nahil Akel & Juliette Mushahwar
3. Sonia Banayan & Randa Finan

## NATIONAL LEAGUE PLAYOFFS START

## Mets edge Dodgers in opener



Gary Carter

LOS ANGELES, Oct 5, (Reuters): The New York Mets scored three runs in the ninth inning to break 1-0 Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershisser's scoreless innings streak and dramatically win the first game of the best-of-seven National League championships series, 3-2.

Gary Carter's two-out, two-strike ninth-inning blooper double to centerfield brought in the tying and winning runs after Darryl Strawberry had doubled home the first man to score against Hershisser since August 30.

## Frames

Hershisser added eight and one-third scoreless innings to the record 59 shutout frames with which he ended the regular season before Strawberry drove in New York's phenomenal late-season newcomer Greece Jeffries, who went three for four against Hershisser, for the Mets' first run.

Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda marched to the mound and removed Hershisser, who wanted to stay in. Dodgers

reliever Jay Howell then walked Kevin McReynolds.

Howell struck out Howard Johnson and immediately got two strikes on Carter. But the Mets' catcher then looped a fly ball to short centerfield. John Shelby dove for it, got his glove on it, but he could not hold on and it rolled away.

Strawberry, running with two out, scored easily with the tying run. McReynolds came around third and barreled into Los Angeles catcher Mike Scioscia before the ball got there, and scored the winning run.

It was the Mets' 20th come-from-behind victory in their last at-bat this season.

The series was to resume in Los Angeles today before shifting to New York for games three, four and, if necessary, five. The Mets' David Cone, 20-3, was to oppose Tim Lincecum, 12-6, this evening.

Los Angeles took a 1-0 lead in the first inning against right-hander Dwight "Doc" Gooden, who gave up just four hits and struck out ten in seven innings.

Steve Sax led off with a single and stole second. One out later,

Kirk Gibson bounced out to second base, sending Sax to third. Mike Marshall then looped a soft liner into right field in front of Strawberry. It fell for a single, scoring Sax.

The Dodgers made it 2-0 — a lead that looked almost insurmountable with Hershisser on the mound — in the seventh when Scioscia led off with a double, advanced to third on an infield out and scored on Alfredo Griffin's single.

Randy Myers pitched two hitless innings for New York and got the win. Howell was the loser.

## Thought

Carter said Jeffries, who sparked the Mets to a strong finishing kick in the regular season, inspired them in the ninth inning of his first Major League post-season game.

"Jeffries' hit to open the inning gave us a lift in the dugout and we thought we could do it."

Describing his own game-winning hit, Carter said, "Shelby made an outstanding effort but when I saw the ball bouncing away I knew the good lord was

with me."

Lasorda said: "It's a tough loss, there's no way to say it isn't. It hurts right now but we have to come out tomorrow and show what we're made of and put it behind us."

He explained his decision to pull his ace pitcher in the ninth: "Hershisser hung a couple of curves to Strawberry and I was afraid someone was going to hit one out."

Mets first baseman Keith Hernandez, agreed with the Dodgers manager's decision and said Gooden was actually the better pitcher after the second inning.

"Doc pitcher like he did in his Cy Young year (1985, when he went 24-4) from the third inning on. Hershisser was in trouble throughout and kept getting out of it," he said.

"I wasn't surprised Tommy took him."

Mets manager Davey Johnson said: "They needed to win the first game. A loss is a loss but with Hershisser on the mound and a two-run lead, it means an awful lot to them. It would have given them momentum."

## British soccer

LONDON, Oct 5, (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches played yesterday:

English Division Two	
Birmingham	0 Plymouth 1
Chelsea	2 Walsley 0
Crystal P	2 Ipswich 0
Hull	2 Leicester 2
Sheff	0 Shrewsbury 0
Sunderland	2 Leeds 1
Watford	3 Oldham 1

English Division Three	
Aldershot	3 Wigan 1
Blackpool	3 Northampton 1
Bury	2 Reading 1
Gillingham	0 Bristol C 0
Notts County	4 Chesterfield 0
Southend	1 Mansfield 1
Swansea	1 Bolton 0

Division Four	
Barnley	1 Rotherham 0
Carlisle	1 Colchester 2
Orew	2 Cambridge 0
Doncaster	3 Haverford 2
Grimsby	0 Tranmere 0
Halifax	4 Wrexham 0
Hartlepool	0 Rochdale 1
Leiston D	4 York 0

## Johnson maintains innocence

TORONTO, Oct 5, (Reuters): Sprinter Ben Johnson, declaring his innocence in a drug scandal that cost him an Olympic gold medal, vowed yesterday to clear his name and run again in the Olympics.

"I would never embarrass my family, my friends and my country — and the kids who love me," Johnson told his first press conference since he returned home to Canada from Seoul in disgrace.

## Stripped

"I have never, ever, knowingly taken illegal drugs," said the 26-year-old sprinter who was stripped of his medal in the 100 metres at the Seoul Games last week

after testing positive for using banned steroids.

"My mother taught me that there is only one way to win and I plan to come back still a champion and a winner at the next Olympics."

The Jamaican-born runner, flanked by his smiling family, did not explain the presence of the banned substances in his urine after the race. His record time was removed from the books by the International Olympic Committee.

Johnson's attorney, Edward Futerma, who advised Johnson not to answer questions from reporters, said he hopes to appeal an International Amateur Ath-

letics Federation's decision that bans him from competition for at least two years.

"He's not pointing any fingers," Futerma said. "He feels confused. He's trying to put the pieces together."

Futerma, responding to queries from professional football clubs eager to get the muscular sprinter into uniform, said Johnson will stop on running.

## Pursue

"I have been assured by Ben that he has no intention of playing pro football," Futerma told the news conference crowded by 100 journalists and 25 television cameras. "He wants to pursue his

career as a runner."

"He wants to run as a Canadian."

Futerma also denied that Johnson talked to reporters from the West German magazine Stern, which published an exclusive interview earlier this week. "He did not speak to the Stern people."

Johnson also asked the media to end their vigil outside his suburban home that began when he returned from Seoul a week ago. He and his family have scrapped with reporters seeking his comments on the drug scandal.

"My family and I need some time and peace," he said.

## Mayotte in 2nd round

BRISBANE, Oct 5, (Reuters): As three leading fancies tumbled, Olympic silver medalist and top seed Tim Mayotte reached the second round of the \$250,000 Queensland Open indoor tennis tournament in dramatic circumstances today.

The American's opponent, Australian Simon Youl was carried off the court only 30 minutes into the match when he slipped after playing a baseline forehand winner which took him to a 3-2 lead in the first set.

## Fell

Youl was later discharged from hospital with a suspected bone chip in his right ankle.

Yugoslavia's Slohodan Zivonovic, seeded fourth, and Australian second and third

seeds Darren Cahill and John Fitzgerald all fell away.

Canadian Glenn Michibata, ranked 121 in the world, scored a major upset when he dumped Zivonovic in a thrilling straight sets first round encounter 7-5 (8-6) 7-6 (7-2).

Fitzgerald lost 6-3 6-3 to American Marty Davis in the second round, while Cahill lost 6-2 6-1 against Australia's Shane Barr in their first round match.

Jason Stoltenberg, one of the bright lights on the horizon of Australian tennis, became the first local through to the quarterfinals.

Stoltenberg, 18, swept past American power Server Todd Nelson 6-4 6-4 in the second round.

## Connors outlasts Vajda

BASEL, Switzerland, Oct 5, (AP): Second-seeded Jimmy Connors of the United States yesterday downed Marian Vajda of Czechoslovakia 6-3, 6-4 in the opening round of the \$270,000 Swiss Indoors tennis tournament.

Connors easily dominated Vajda. Connors this week fell out of the Association of Tennis Professionals' top 10 for the first time since the ranking were started in 1973, slipping to 11th place.

The Czech last month was the surprise winner of the Geneva Open tournament, beating Kent Carlsson of Sweden in the finals of clay-court competition.

Connors will next face Eduardo Masso of Argentina, who downed Niklas Kroon of Sweden 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 in the first round.

In their first-round play, third-seeded Aaron Krickstein of the United States downed Jeremy Bates of Britain 5-7, 6-0, 7-6 (7-4).

The tournament's seventh seed, Amos Mansdorf downed Milan Srejber of Czechoslovakia 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.

Top-seeded Stefan Edberg, ranked third in the world, was scheduled to play his first-round match today against Diego Perez of Uruguay.

## Korchnoi plays chess with dead grandmaster

REYKJAVIK, Oct 5, (Reuters): Soviet emigre chess star Viktor Korchnoi says he is winning in a long-running game against a grandmaster who died 37 years ago.

Korchnoi told the Icelandic newspaper Tinninn that he had been playing Hungarian Geza Maroczy through a medium since 1984.

"I was asked to do this and the reason that I accepted was very simple," Korchnoi was quoted as saying. "I believe in life after death."

Korchnoi, now a Swiss national, is in Iceland playing against 17 live opponents in a \$100,000 tournament.

Tinninn said Korchnoi would have liked to match his skills against such chess legends as Raoul Capablanca. But Capablanca could not be reached in the afterlife.

The paper said the match against Maroczy, one of the world's strongest players in the 1920s and 1930s, was being played through Hungarian medium Robert Roland whom Korchnoi has never met.

"I understand that he doesn't even play chess," Korchnoi said, adding that he and Roland exchanged moves on the telephone or through the mail.

Korchnoi said he had made 30 moves in the game with Maroczy.

## Bin Sulayem to lead off Lebanon rally

JOUNIEH, Lebanon: Middle East champion Mohammed Bin Sulayem, of Dubai, has been named the top seed in the Marlboro Rally de Montagne scheduled to start tomorrow afternoon.

Bin Sulayem, who will be driving a Ford Sierra Cosworth, will be first off the ramp and will be followed by his rival Qatari Saeed Al Hajri who will also be using a similar car.

## Situation

A total of 78 drivers have entered this 1000-kilometre rally despite the war-like situation in Lebanon.

"Mohammed is in top mental and physical condition," said Boh Freeborough, manager of the Marlboro Middle East team. "He wants to win and we are totally behind him."

With the practice completed, the eight-man service crew for Bin Sulayem and navigator



Bin Sulayem: named top seed

Roman Morgan spent the whole yesterday speed testing changes of the gear box and differential of the red and white Ford.

Saeed Al Hajri has been busy familiarising himself with his new car and the tarmac condi-

tions. Instead of his regular British navigator Steve Bond, the Qatari star will be partnered by his cousin Mubarak Al Hajri in this rally. Mubarak who is regarded as one of the best navigators in the Gulf scored his first inter-

national win last year in the BP 4x4 Bahrain rally with fellow Qatari Abbas Al Mousawi.

Michel Saleh, who had been seeded third will not contest this three-day classic. He told the organisers yesterday that the engine for his Opel Manta 400 had been delayed in UK. Saleh was runner-up to Bin Sulayem in last year's rally.

"It is a pity Michel will not take part, he is always very competitive," said 27-year-old Bin Sulayem.

## Top 5 seeds:

1. Bin Sulayem/Morgan — Ford Sierra Cosworth
2. Al Hajri/Al Hajri — Ford Sierra Cosworth
3. Saleh/Bin Shahdoor — Opel Manta 400
4. Eliades/Chrystodoulides — Opel Kadett
5. Ghanem/Ghougril — Nissan 240 RS



Ashkanani: crushed Al Iryan

## Ashkanani and Fairoz reach Open semifinals

KHALID ASHKANANI reached the semifinals of the 3rd Tennis Open, being organised by the Ministry of Electricity and Water at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel tennis courts, with an easy victory on Tuesday evening.

Ashkanani, one of the top players in Kuwait and winner of a number of national titles, hardly worked up a sweat in his 6-2 6-2 win over Tareq Al Iryan.

Hashim Fairoz and Khalid Hassan Rashid also joined Ashkanani in the men's singles semifinals. Fairoz outlasted Waleed Al Bannai 6-3 6-4 while Rashid was made to struggle for his 6-4 6-4 victory over Aiman Al Ashwak.

## Taken

Tareq Hadeed moved into the final of the under-14 section when he crushed Hussein Al Ashwak 6-0 6-0. Tareq's opponent in the final will be Tala Ashoor, who scored an easy 6-2 victory over Khalid Al Gharabally in the first set but was taken to a tie-breaker in the second before he won it 7-6.

In the women's doubles, Helena Fakooli and Anna Strakos sailed into the next round when their opponents, 7-5 6-1.

Sohaila Abdelghaffar and Diana Baker, withdrew from the event. Also winning their match by default were Alia Al Moataz and Runda Sading. The third match saw Huda Al Sabah and Afaf Kayid blast Nadia Keiwan and Sara Keiwan 6-0 6-0.

Ashkanani also kept progressing in the men's doubles when he was partnered by Ahmed Rajah to a 6-4 6-2. The others to move into the next round were Hashim Fairoz and Aiman Al Ashwak who beat Suhbi Al Gharabally and Terry Mesmar 6-1 6-4. Mohammed Ali and Imad Bcy Hamda with a 6-3 6-1 thrashing of Abdulnabi Al Majidi and Hamad Al Mehanha. Waleed Al Bannai and Khalid Hassan Rashid with a 6-0 6-1 rout of Waleed Al Nasir and Ahmed Al Reish and Saleh Bushnaq and Abraham George who tamed Bassam Al Hajri and Al Mreeki 7-5 6-2.

Firas Hilmi and Tareq Hadeed moved into the finals of the under-18 doubles by beating Mohammed Al Sayg and Tareq Al Iryan 6-2 6-4. The other finalists and Yousuf Al Shamlan and Yousuf Ibrahim who defeated Ahmed Taqi and Tareq Al Suhbi 7-5 6-1.

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